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Stanley Cup. Game 1

▶ Vancouver Canucks defenceman Aaron Rome (29) battles Boston Bruins defenceman Zdeno Chara (33) to clear the puck during Game 1 of the Stanley Cup final last night in Vancouver.

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Nail-biter of a start for fans

Canuck fans jammed one of Vancouver's main streets last night to watch the team face off against the Boston Bruins in Game 1 of the Stanley Cup final. Vancouver won 1-0.

Man charged in raccoon attack

Baby raccoon expected to recover from beating ◐ Suffered fractured toes, broken leg ◐ May be released back into same area

Piercing, terrible screams shook Roddy Muir out of his sleep at about 5:30 a.m. yesterday.

"It sounded like a young child was being thrown around — and I could hear this banging and racket," says Muir, 43, who lives on Campbell Avenue, near Bloor Street and Lansdowne Avenue.

"I ran into the back of my yard," said Muir, a voice actor.

What he saw was a familiar sight. Last summer, behind his house, Muir saw a man attack raccoons with a pronged implement. In that incident, he says, he saw the man stab at raccoons on the ground and puncture them so they were screaming.

He didn't report the incident, hoping it wouldn't happen again.

But when he heard the screams again yesterday, he feared something similar was happening.

Muir said he saw one baby raccoon cowering on the ground. A man swung a spade at another baby raccoon on a fence, knocking it to the ground and hitting it with the shovel, he said.

"It looked like she was looking for her baby ... It tore my heart out."
NEIGHBOUR RODDY MUIR, DEMONSTRATING HOW A "TRIDENT" TOOL WAS USED TO HURT THE RACCOONS, SAID HE SAW THE MOTHER RACCOON COME BACK LATER YESTERDAY AFTER THE ATTACK

This time Muir intervened. "I said, 'Why are you doing this?'" Muir recounted. "He (the man) swept his arm around and said 'They're destroying my garden.'"

Muir said he told the man he was going to call police. The dispatcher could hear the injured raccoon's screams.

Meanwhile, he said, the mother raccoon was nearby — he thinks she had three other babies with her. She came down to the injured, crying baby that had been hit with the spade and picked it up. "It was still alive but it was really smushed and flopping around and crying," Muir said.

A man was arrested after police arrived on the scene.

Dong Nguyen, 53, of Rankin Crescent, whose backyard abuts Muir's, has been charged with cruelty to animals and possessing a dangerous weapon.

Don Westacott, 53, who lives several houses away, has known Nguyen for a number of years and has always found him pleasant.

Nguyen is very devoted to his garden, Westacott said.

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Legislature closes early ahead of election

The Liberal government abruptly shut down the legislature yesterday, setting the stage for a summer of campaigning for the Oct. 6 election.

In a surprise move, Premier Dalton McGuinty's administration prorogued the 39th provincial parliament one day early, derailing plans for a final farewell today. The government didn't explain why it pulled the plug prematurely.

MPPs were able to fit in tributes to retiring members during an emotional night Tuesday.

There were no catcalls or heckling — just fond words and some tears to four Progressive Conservative and 10 Liberal MPPs who are not seeking re-election.

However, it was a stern lecture from Speaker Steve Peters — who is also leaving politics — that stole the night.

Peters said someone has to remind the premier of the day that he or she isn't running the show, lamenting that power has been so centralized that MPPs have been virtually sidelined.

"It is you, it is the 107 people in this room, who need to take this place back, who need to say to the corner office ... 'We have had enough. We're going to take this place back,'" he said.

His comments drew applause from the Tory and NDP benches while McGuinty and his Liberal MPPs sat stone-faced.

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▶ Speaker Steve Peters, who is retiring from politics, with a look-alike Muppet, a gift from the pages at Queen's Park.

Erasure a hasty mistake: Councillor

Artist insists he was given $2,000 from city to paint mural

The City of Toronto has no record of commissioning artist Joel Richardson to paint a Dupont Street mural, but acted too hastily in erasing it, the local councillor says.

"City staff have confirmed ... they have no records for the part of the mural that was removed," Ana Bailão (Ward 18, Davenport) said in an interview.

"However, there was no excuse to go and paint over these murals without consulting the community, through me, and the artist. I'm going to meet with city staff and the artist Saturday to make sure it doesn't happen again."

Bailão said she is determined to get another mural on that wall.

Richardson insists he got $2,000 from the city's Clean and Beautiful secretariat to paint the mathematical equation, incorporating Morse code and grim-faced businessmen with yellow halos, on the south wall of a drab railway underpass west of Lansdowne Avenue.

He sent the Toronto Star emails from two staff in then-councillor Adam Giambrone's office in 2009, urging him to apply for a grant to paint the south wall.

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Backlash

- This drama played out as Coun. Cesar Palacio consults artists, residents and business owners about a new city approach to graffiti, following a backlash to Mayor Rob Ford's campaign to scrub the city clean.

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▶ The city's graffiti-eradication team wiped out Joel Richardson's mural, inset, in an underpass at 1440 Dupont St.

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Ping-pong and English class: The lives of rival war criminals behind bars in The Hague.

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What to do when critters encroach

They're a wild bunch and they've got as much protection from harmful eviction as you do.

It's easy to stop them from getting inside but they're difficult to remove once they've set up house in your roof, walls and under the porch.

Pest control firms must follow the provincial law that protects wildlife such as raccoons, squirrels and skunks from harm.

"The law states you are not allowed to take them more than a kilometre from where they are trapped and, obviously, you can't kill them," said Iris Roth, co-owner of Delta Pest Control Inc., a family-owned Toronto area firm.

She said getting raccoons out of your home involves placing a one-way door at the animal's point of entry so they can get out, but not back in.

If they are trapped in a cage, food and water must be provided. If raccoon pups have been separated from their mother they must be fed and cannot be removed until they are six weeks old.

"As soon as they are trapped and we get a call from the homeowner we have to pick it up. If there's a full nest and the mother comes out we have to put the babies in a box near the house or the mother will take apart the roof to get back in," Roth said.

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▶Toronto Police Service confirmed a man was charged in 2003 with cruelty to animals after beating a raccoon and putting it in a dumpster.

Prevention

- Roth said because they are natural climbers, raccoons get into roofs by scaling old ladder-style television antennas, overhanging tree branches and clawing their way between homes separated by a small gap.
- "A smooth surface like a metal barrier at the foot of trees will prevent them from getting up there," Roth said.

Gay artist granted deportation reprieve

Toronto photographer and painter fled persecution and domestic abuse in Nicaragua in 1998, at age 12

A gay artist from Nicaragua, whose asylum claim was rejected because he had not been in a same-sex relationship, has been granted a reprieve by immigration officials.

Alvaro Orozco was to be deported today, but instead Citizenship and Immigration Canada issued him permanent resident status on humanitarian grounds.

"I am free now," Orozco said after his release yesterday from the Rexdale holding centre. "I feel safe. I finally belong somewhere."

Orozco fled persecution and domestic abuse in Nicaragua due to his sexual orientation in 1998, at age 12. His immigration papers come six years after the runaway, now 25, arrived in Toronto in 2005

Orozco's asylum claim was denied in 2007 after an Immigration and Refugee Board adjudicator questioned his sexual orientation. He stayed in Canada illegally, awaiting his humanitarian application. He worked under the table to support himself and became a photographer and painter known in Toronto's gay community.

Following Orozco's arrest by police on May 13, supporters in the gay and arts communities staged protests and launched an online petition urging his release. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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▶ Alvaro Orozco

Five more facing charges in GTA shoplifting ring

Police say three arrests last month led to five more people being charged in an alleged shoplifting ring.

The arrest of three women May 12 led investigators to raid three separate residences in Toronto and Hamilton.

Five more people were charged and investigators say about $115,000 in stolen clothing was recovered. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Sang Eun Lee

Woman in underwire bra case felt 'ashamed'

After a two-month delay, it was the second day in the trial of Sang Eun Lee, 38, of Richmond Hill, who faces a charge of impaired driving after a police constable ordered her to remove her underwire bra following her arrest Jan. 30, 2010.

The Crown contends Lee was asked to remove her underwire bra at the police station over concerns she could have hidden weapons or drugs there.

In addition, police have told court that a person could unstitch an underwire bra, use it as a weapon or hang themselves with it.

Through an interpreter, Lee told court she felt "ashamed" when she removed her top and bra in front of a female officer.

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1 in 4 abnormal Pap smears not followed up: Study

Toronto doctor who led study calls for a centralized body to oversee cervical cancer screening

One-quarter of women whose Pap smears showed abnormalities didn't get the followup that would be expected within two years of the test, an examination of more than 40,000 screenings has revealed.

It's a startlingly high number in a world where women repeatedly hear the message that they should get regular Pap tests because the prognosis is better if cervical cancer is detected early.

The fact that 26 per cent of the 43,792 Ontario women whose records showed abnormalities between 2000 and 2005 didn't have any follow-up may indicate a breakdown in communications, says lead investigator Dr. Rachel Kupets, a gynecologic oncologist at the Odette Cancer Centre at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in Toronto.

"I think it's a high number. It needs to be improved and it will be improved," she said in an interview.

"Looking at our study, we know that about three per cent of these women will actually have a cancer on their cervix ... and those women who actually have a cancer on their cervix in an early stage may progress to a more advanced stage, making it more difficult to treat" Kupets said.

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▶ Dr. Rachel Kupets, surgical oncologist for Sunnybrook's Odette Cancer Centre Gynaecology Cancer Care team, looks at a CT scan yesterday in Toronto. Researchers at the centre have found that at least 26 per cent of women across the country, who have abnormal Pap test results, are not receiving proper follow-up care.

Mental health top issue facing schools, coalition says

The troubled hearts and minds of children are becoming a campaign issue in Ontario.

A broad new coalition of hospitals, social workers, children's aid societies, psychologists, teachers, students and trustees cites the turbulent mental health of today's students — from anxiety and depression to suicidal feelings — as the No. 1 issue facing schools today.

The new Coalition for Children and Youth Mental Health, a network of 26 provincewide groups, has asked each political party to spell out a plan for coping with what some call the "sleeping giant" in schools.

The coalition will host a summit today in Toronto on the issue.

"We wouldn't let a child walk around with a broken arm, but kids with mental illness suffer just the same," said Catherine Fife, head of the Ontario Public School Boards Association, part of the coalition.

"It's been the sleeping giant, the elephant in the room for so long — mental health plays a huge role in the school experience yet we have no plan in Ontario for how to deal with it," said Fife. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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▶ Catherine Fife, head of the Ontario Public School Boards Association.

'Stressful world'

▶ **Deficit** Psychiatry Prof. Bruce Ferguson, of the Hospital for Sick Children, points to a growing "deficit of adults in children's lives — we work and commute longer hours and have less time with our kids to deal with their worries and reassure them. "It's a stressful world. Kids need a lot of support."

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Gold-hoarding charity ousts whistleblower

Organization criticized for spending cash on salaries, travel and gold instead of helping the elderly ‘No one’s answered the questions’

An Ontario seniors’ charity that used donated money to stockpile gold has booted out a whistleblowing board member who publicly questioned the organization’s operations.

In an apparent bid to silence dissent, members of the Ontario Society (Coalition) of Senior Citizens’ Organizations voted to remove Paul Delahanty.

Two other whistleblowers quit before action could be taken against them.

The directors had criticized the charity for a lack of transparency around its finances and programming, as well as for spending so much money on salaries, travelling and gold instead of helping the elderly.

Probe underway

- The charity receives about $500,000 annually from lottery proceeds and government grants. About 60 per cent of that goes to cover salaries, consultants and administrative costs, a Toronto Star probe found.
- Roughly half of the charity’s assets — more than $200,000 — are in gold even though the organization posted a $36,000 deficit in 2010.
- Inspectors from Ontario’s Alcohol and Gaming Commission, which licenses the sale of break-open lottery tickets, are probing the charity’s use of lottery proceeds.

“I’ve been asking for information about the operations for the past couple of years and no one’s answered the questions,” said Delahanty, sitting in the foyer of the North York community centre where the vote was held.

Two Toronto police officers blocked the doors to the meeting, saying they had been instructed to bar any media from entering.

The meeting also sought to remove board member Arlene Patterson. But she resigned before she could be ousted, citing “serious concerns” about accountability.

“There has been no effort to date to investigate the concerns raised by three board members in the Toronto Star article about the management and finances of (the charity),” Patterson said.

A third board member, Mary Hynes, quit following the meeting. She accused the charity of having “a general policy of trying to protect (itself) from scrutiny.”

The charity’s executive director, Morris Jesion, refused to answer any questions, saying he had to rush to another meeting.

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Midwives. Pay problem

▶ Mia Stoughton does her tiny best for midwives yesterday. Mia, however, wasn’t delivered by a midwife because of a complicated pregnancy.

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Baby, what a protest

Hundreds of women with babies and strollers converged on Queen’s Park yesterday to protest on behalf of the women who helped them give birth. Ontario midwives say they have had only two raises since the profession was regulated in 1994.

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Labatt pours into museum

The best job in Ottawa?

Big salary, country estate, private apartment and dining rooms in Parliament — all perks that go to the new House of Commons Speaker

It may be the best job in Canadian politics.

Today, some members of the new, 41st Parliament of Canada will be vying for the job of Commons Speaker.

The winner has large shoes to fill — Peter Milliken, the last Speaker, held the job for 10 years, through four Parliaments (majority and minorities) and three prime ministers.

Though viewers of question period would probably view the Speaker's task as more akin to daycare, or a referee, the position actually comes with huge responsibilities — and impressive perks.

First, the responsibilities:

The Speaker is in charge of the entire administration of the House of Commons, its staff and offices and the parliamentary grounds or "precinct" as it's called. That includes oversight of budgets, security and protocol.

The Speaker is in charge of all debate and discussion within the Commons, and must issue rulings in cases of disputes. So the Speaker has to stay out of the political fray. As it says on the Speaker's website: "To preserve the trust of the House, the Speaker's actions must be impartial. Consequently, the Speaker never participates in debate, only votes in case of a tie and works to balance the right of the Government to transact business in an orderly manner and the right of all members to be heard in debate."

In exchange for those responsibilities, here is what the Speaker gets:

An annual salary of $233,847 — that's $75,000 more than the average MP makes.

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A private apartment within Centre Block, just behind the House of Commons, and two private dining rooms, one of which is large enough to manage a sit-down dinner for roughly 50 people.

An office budget of $1,062,801, which includes hospitality expenses of $170,048.

Lots of foreign travel, visiting other parliaments and counterparts abroad, as well as hosting duties at home for all kinds of dignitaries and celebrities who visit Canada.

And if all this isn't enough, consider this: Whoever is named Speaker doesn't have to bother with vexing wardrobe questions either. The black Speaker's robe (several of them, in fact) is a perk as well.

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The Farm

- The Farm is Mackenzie King's former home of Kingsmere, and has been the official residence for the Speaker since 1955.
- It comes with a housekeeper, gardeners and other staff, and is the site of a huge, annual party for denizens of Parliament Hill.

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Katherine Munkley's sponsorship of Angelique, 10, means that the child can stay in school, that she and her sisters receive medical insurance and that they can "dream big."

CHANGING LIVES

Lots of moms festoon their refrigerator doors with photos of their kids.

But seven of the grinning children whose pictures greet you in Katherine Munkley's kitchen are a long way from her Clarkson, Ont. home. Kinfe, age 9, for example, lives in Ethiopia. There's Antoine, 10, from the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Kashoka, also 10, from Zambia.

All seven are children Katherine sponsors through World Vision Canada. And it makes sense that she likes to be able to say hello to them (virtually, anyway) every morning, because Katherine is the kind of person who has to see things for herself.

In 2000, the Oakville, Ont., the nurse-counsellor and mother of three attended a speech by Stephen Lewis, who founded The Stephen Lewis Foundation to address the enormous HIV/AIDS epidemic in Africa. Katherine was galvanized: "I thought, 'Why aren't we doing more?'"

Katherine looked into a number of groups fighting AIDS in Africa, even travelling with one to Tanzania in 2007. None were what she was looking for.

Then in 2009, she went to Rwanda with a World Vision Canada program called Destination Life Change, in which Canadians volunteer for two weeks on a project.

"I went with a critical eye," she says, "and was completely blown away. "World Vision had moved far beyond schooling and providing food: they were really giving children a greater chance at life and at the future."

Katherine has visited two of "her" children in person – Christerbel, 4, in Zambia and Angelique, 10, in Rwanda. Her opportunity to meet Angelique came on another Destination Life Change trip, to Rwanda in 2009. "It was 15 years after the genocide, and World Vision was heavily involved in reconciliation and forgiveness. It is creating peace as well as helping in redevelopment."

Katherine encourages anyone who wants to support a relief agency to take the same approach she did: research, read, compare. "See what organizations do, what's a good fit for you. Find out what where your dollar goes."

In the World Vision Canada's case, 81.1 percent of all donations go directly to projects. "It's a terrific humanitarian organization," she says, that is changing lives for the better every day. And it costs so little to be part of that transformation."

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▶ Winston Blackmore

Case may tax secrecy about child brides

Bountiful, B.C., polygamist wants lifestyle details banned as he faces taxman in court

The polygamist way of life in Bountiful, B.C., and details of child brides could be revealed in unprecedented detail thanks to the taxman.

Winston Blackmore, one of the leaders of the breakaway fundamentalist Mormon sect in British Columbia's southeast, has been assessed more than $1 million in back taxes.

He is fighting the assessment in federal tax court in Vancouver.

But before the proceedings could begin, Blackmore's lawyers argued that details about the polygamous lifestyle in Bountiful should be banned from publication.

As well, Blackmore wants the tax court to ensure that anything that comes up during the tax case can't be used against him in a potential criminal trial.

B.C. Crown lawyer Craig Jones says it's no secret Blackmore is a polygamist, adding the tax case will force Blackmore to talk about marriages among 12- and 13-year-olds in the community.

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The debate was on. Why, one B.C.-raised reporter wondered, should I have to skip out of work early so out-of-town fans can see my team play? Why, one Ontario-born reporter asked, should eastern fans stay up past midnight to see the game?

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Palin emails to go public

The state of Alaska is poised to release 24,199 pages of emails sent and received by Sarah Palin while she was governor.

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Yemen's plight

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- Running water has cut out in much of the capital, meaning residents buy supplies from tanker trucks. But water prices have quadrupled.

Street battles exacerbate Yemen's dire poverty
Prices skyrocket 'The shells fall on us like rain'

Residents cowered in basements. Menfolk braved gunfire to fetch bread and water.

At least 41 people were killed yesterday as battles between government forces and armed tribesmen raged in Sanaa, Yemen. Nearly four months of mass protests calling for President Ali Abdullah Saleh's ouster have exacerbated already dire poverty, shuttering businesses and forcing up food prices.

Fighting sent the crackle of gunfire and the booms of artillery strikes across the city. The clashes spread from the Hassaba neighbourhood, where tribesmen have seized more than a dozen government buildings, to new areas.

The clashes forced Talal Hazza to crowd into a neighbour's basement with 20 others, half of them children.

"We are suffering and living through trying days," Hazza said. "It wears you out because the shells fall on us like rain, especially at night."

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▶ Youths shout slogans yesterday as they block a main road with burning tires in Taiz, south of Sanaa, Yemen.

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Put cancer warnings on cellphones: NDP

New Democrats said parents should not let their children use mobile phones because their thinner skulls make them more vulnerable to radiation

Ontario's NDP wants warning labels slapped on cellphones to caution users about a possible increased risk of cancer.

New Democrat France Gelinas says the World Health Organization's decision to say cellphones and other wireless devices are "possibly carcinogenic" should prompt governments to act.

Gelinas says all she is asking for is to have the warnings already in the books that come with mobile and smartphones to be placed on the actual phones themselves.

She wants to know how much more evidence the Liberal government needs before it warns people there might be a risk of cancer from using cellphones.

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▶ France Gelinas

Health Promotion Minister Margarett Best says only that she will discuss the latest findings from the UN agency with provincial and federal experts before deciding if any action is needed.

The NDP points out Best had previously cited scientific evidence from the World Health Organization when claiming there was no link between cellphones and cancer.

The Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association, which represents most of the cellphone companies, said Tuesday that the WHO report only found a "possible" link between wireless devices and cancer.

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'Trust' is ammo in schools debate

McGuinty lashing out because he feels cornered, Tories say ◗ Premier deserves 'time out:' NDP leader

VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

▶ Dalton McGuinty

Voters can't trust Progressive Conservative promises to roll out full-day kindergarten for all four- and five-year-old children in Ontario, Premier Dalton McGuinty charged yesterday.

The Tories have pledged to expand full-day kindergarten to all elementary schools for 2014 — the same timetable as the Liberals — if they win the Oct. 6 election.

McGuinty said he doesn't accept that, but he stopped short of calling Opposition Leader Tim Hudak a liar.

"You can use whatever words you want," he said from a school in what's expected to be a hotly contested Toronto riding. "I'm going to allow people to draw their own conclusions."

McGuinty, who broke a signed pledge not to raise taxes in 2004, said Hudak has zero credibility when it comes to the $1.5-billion program because his party repeatedly spoke out against it.

"I think Mr. Hudak called it a 'shiny new car.' They called it a 'frill,'" McGuinty said. "I mean, what kind of an unwavering, firm, commitment does that represent to this program? It doesn't."

McGuinty's opponents point out that the premier broke his election promises not to hike taxes, first in 2004 by imposing a health tax of up to $900 per worker, then again in 2010, when the Liberals brought in the harmonized sales tax. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ U.S. President Barack Obama shakes hands with Italian President Giorgio Napolitano Saturday.

President's role increases

Profile of Italian politician grows as country's PM deals with legal woes ◐ Napolitano praised by the U.S.

President Giorgio Napolitano, an 85-year-old former communist, is centre stage this week as Italy marks the birth of the modern nation 150 years ago.

Normally an august figure in the background, Napolitano has become a force of unity in a country known for its historic fractures and sharply divided over the figure of Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, who has been mired in sex and corruption scandals.

In March, as some of Berlusconi's allies balked at NATO's bombing campaign against Libya on grounds it would increase the flow of refugees to Italy, Napolitano went before the UN General Assembly in New York and said the world could not stand by while Libya answered civilian protest with military force.

Both men had recent encounters with U.S. President Barack Obama, and the differences were not lost on Italians.

"If body language means anything," said the leading Corriere della Sera newspaper, the encounters "showed the distance" between how the two men are viewed in the United States..

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Hints from ancient teeth

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The findings, published in today's journal Nature, indicate females from two pre-human species seemed to move out of their birth homes and journey elsewhere, probably to prevent inbreeding, researchers said. Chimpanzees, our closest living primate relative, also have females that travel to mate and raise families.

That is in contrast to lower primates and most mammals where it is the males that have the wanderlust.

They looked for the mineral strontium in the teeth because that element varies by landscape. The idea was to see if they moved to different areas during various seasons. The research did not show that, but something else popped up: The bigger teeth showed almost no mineral variation while more than half of the smaller teeth indicated they were from individuals that grew up elsewhere.

So the researchers figure this was a male-female difference. Other scientists not involved in the research, though, said the tooth sample may be too small to draw that conclusion. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ The space shuttle Atlantis sits on Kennedy Space Center's Launch Pad 39-A yesterday in Cape Canaveral.

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Police decry delay in hotel assault

Former chairman of Egyptian bank arrested two weeks after then-IMF leader was charged with assaulting a maid

A hotel is promising to buy "panic buttons" for its housekeepers and start sexual harassment training after an Egyptian businessman was accused of attacking a maid.

The New York police commissioner warned yesterday that the case, the second high-profile accusation by a New York hotel housekeeper in a month, may be harder to prosecute because The Pierre Hotel waited 15 hours to report it.

The Pierre and the Sofitel Hotel, where the then-leader of the International Monetary Fund was accused of assaulting a maid May 14, have both told labour officials they will give housekeepers wireless devices to alert managers if they are attacked, the New York Hotel and Motel Trades Council said.

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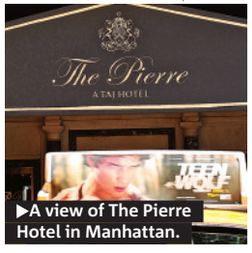

▶A view of The Pierre Hotel in Manhattan.

The union said it will call for such devices as part of its contract negotiations with 150 hotels next year, and a state legislator has proposed a bill requiring the devices statewide.

In the most recent case, the hotel maid told her supervisor immediately that she had been attacked Sunday evening by Mahmoud Abdel Salam Omar, a businessman and former chairman of a major Egyptian bank.

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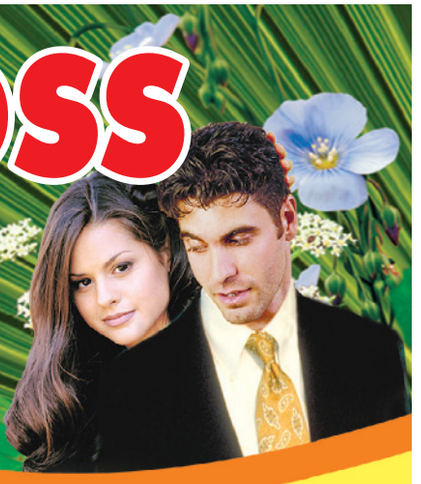

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‘I screwed up,’ says Google’s ex-chief

Co-founder Larry Page has made social networking a top priority Page replaced Eric Schmidt as CEO

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▶ If he had a another chance, former Google CEO Eric Schmidt says he would focus on challenging Facebook.

Former Google CEO Eric Schmidt regards his inaction on the competitive threat posed by Facebook as his biggest mistake in the decade he was running the Internet search leader.

Schmidt said at the All Things Digital conference in California that he started writing memos four years ago to emphasize the need for Google to develop more ways to connect friends and family online the way Facebook does on its online social network.

But Schmidt said he and other managers didn’t do enough to challenge Facebook. “I screwed up,” Schmidt said.

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Consumer debt rising: Study

- Canada's top banker warns consumers to rein in borrowing
- Consumer spending, meanwhile, slowed down in first quarter of 2011

Canadians' average non-mortgage debt grew 4.5 per cent to $25,597 in the first quarter compared to a year earlier, signalling that consumers aren't necessarily clamping down on borrowing even as they rein in spending.

Total debt per consumer, including credit cards, car loans and lines of credit but excluding mortgages, was up from $24,497 in the same quarter of 2010, according to a quarterly analysis by TransUnion.

Total consumer debt rose in all provinces but increased the most in Quebec and Newfoundland and Labrador, with debt rising by 7.8 per cent in both provinces, while British Columbians had the highest average consumer debt at $36,649.

"Our first-quarter data shows a continued increase in the total debt per consumer, although the trend still remains modest compared to the double-digit, pre-recession levels," said Thomas Higgins, TransUnion's vice-president of analytics and decisioning.

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Indebted

Average credit card debt, which often carries high interest rates, fell four per cent to $3,539 from $3,688 in the fourth quarter compared with the first quarter of 2010.

- **Troubled credit health.** The national credit card delinquency rate — the ratio of credit card accounts that are 90 days or more overdue — grew 11 per cent in the first quarter of 2011 compared with 2010.
- **Auto loans.** The average borrower debt on auto loans was also up this year by 12.4 per cent to $16,189 from $14,402 in the first quarter of 2010. The delinquency rate on these fell slightly to 0.1 per cent from 0.13 per cent a year ago.
- **Lines of credit.** As for the most popular form of consumer debt (excluding mortgages) debt on lines of credit stood at an average $33,981 — up 5.9 per cent from $31,867 in the first quarter of 2010.

Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

TSX	Dollar	Oil	Natural gas 1,000 cu ft	Gold contract
– 274.99 (13,527.88)	– 0.75¢ (102.49¢ US)	– $2.41 US ($100.29 US)	$4.629 (–3.7¢)	$1,543.20 (+ $6.40)

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▶ A model presents casual office wear during a Super Cool Biz fashion show yesterday in Tokyo. The event featured outfits appropriate for the office yet cool enough to endure the sweltering heat.

Don't 'suit up,' salarymen told

The Japanese government wants the country's suit-loving salarymen to be bold this summer. Ditch the stuffy jacket and tie. And for the good of a country facing a power crunch, go light and casual.

Japan's Super Cool Biz campaign kicked off yesterday with a government-sponsored fashion show in Tokyo featuring outfits appropriate for the office yet cool enough to endure the sweltering heat.

This summer may be especially brutal. The loss of the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant, crippled by the March 11 tsunami, means electricity could be in short supply around Tokyo during hot days.

To prevent blackouts, the government is asking companies to cut electricity usage by 15 per cent, and set room temperatures to 28 C.

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Dress decoded

So what's different with Super Cool Biz?

- **Polo shirts,** Aloha shirts and sneakers are acceptable under the environment ministry's relaxed guidelines.
- **Jeans** and sandals are OK in some circumstances.
- **Tights?** Men might even think of carrying a fan or trying a pair of tight pedal pushers (pictured), though whether such fashion extremes would actually catch on is another matter.

Target's reno spending to reach $2.3B

Target Corp. is now planning to spend up to $2.3 billion to convert Zellers stores to its brand and integrate them into its retail network, about double what the company originally budgeted for its first expansion outside the United States.

The U.S. retail giant had previously planned to spend about $1 billion to convert Zellers locations that it will acquire from Hudson Bay Trading Co. into Target stores, the U.S. retailer said in regulatory filings. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Toyota Prius' faulty steering leads to recall

Toyota Canada says it's recalling about 940 first-generation Prius hybrid cars across the country for faulty steering caused by a nut that may come loose.

The automaker says the recall affects Prius models made from 2001 through 2003. The move is part of a global recall of 106,000 Prius hybrids.

A single minor accident suspected of being related to the problem was reported in the United States, according to Toyota Motor Corp.

The latest recall from Toyota, which has taken a hit to its reputation from massive recalls worldwide, affects 48,000 Prius vehicles in Japan, starting with the first Prius models that went on sale in 1997, and those manufactured through 2003.

It also affects 58,000 vehicles sold abroad, including 52,000 Prius cars sold from 2001 through 2003 in the U.S., some 1,200 in Britain, and about 800 in Germany, company spokesman Paul Nolasco said.

Toyota says loose nuts in the electric-power steering can cause the vehicle, if operated over a long time, to steer with too much force.

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▶ Visitors examine an early Prius model at Toyota Motor Corp.'s biggest showroom in Tokyo in this December 1997 file photo. Toyota is recalling 106,000 Prius cars.

The problem can be fixed by putting in better nuts and will take about four hours, it said.

Twenty-one complaints were received that may be caused by the problem, but there were no accidents, the automaker said.

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ROCK 'EM, SOCK 'EM HANSARD

HE SAYS ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE
METRO

Brace yourself: It's House of Commons time! The backbenches are polished, the little woman in the sign language bubble is limber, and CPAC has unveiled kickin' new camera angles that promise to make the 41st session of Parliament the best yet!

It's clear from my fan mail that readers are caught up in the high drama of the House of Commons, which reopens today. It's clear because no one is sending me fan mail.

And no wonder! If I know my politics, this will be the most exciting parliamentary session since Joe Clark defended himself against a man with a long knife, who was stopped from entering the bedrooms of the nation by a pirouetting Pierre Trudeau. The Avro Arrow was also involved somehow.

"If I know my politics, this will be the most exciting parliamentary session since Joe Clark defended himself against a man with a long knife ..."

The central issue this month will be the transition to Conservative majority from minority, a story that we in the media predicted with an incredibly consistent level of inaccuracy.

Nobody saw this Parliament coming. But is our face red? No. Because we in the media have shorter attention spans than goldfish. Who has time to look back on our mistakes when we're so busy randomly guessing the future?

With that in mind, here's what to expect from the summer session:

THE BUDGET: It's basically the same as the one tabled before the election call, except for something labelled Secret Explosive Majority Win Conspiracy Item, which well-placed sources (they're near a telephone) say involves some sort of countdown clock and a lot of stifled giggles from Tony Clement.

HIDDEN AGENDA: Prime Minister Stephen Harper has buried an agenda he purchased deep in the budget, because he bought a leather-bound $79 one when he could have gone with the normal $18.95 version and he is embarrassed about it.

ORANGE CRUSH: Soft drink being demanded in the House of Commons by the incredibly young NDP MPs, many of whom weren't even born when Glee started.

SMALLER BLOC: With only four seats, the Bloc Québécois will stop demanding separation. Instead, they just want open, honest communication, some alone time and maybe a date night on Mondays. And would it kill Canada to say "I love you" every once in a while?

LICKING THEIR SELF-INFLICTED WOUNDS: The Liberals plan to put their internal struggles behind them and finally come together as a mere seven separate factions willing to stab their fellow members for the good of the party.

THE MEDIA: We're going to get something right this year. I guarantee it.

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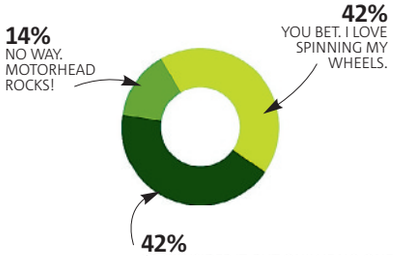

Local tweets

- **@thisgingerrose:** Short flowy skirt + a warm breeze = flashing my bum to all of Toronto all day long #girlputinwork
- **@sairkorb:** Windy days are bad news for everyone with comb-overs ... LOL
- **@nucksandpucks:** 4 hours til faceoff. Stomach in knots. Go #Canucks go!
- **@lisa_ambro:** Great day for a #bluejays game but who can focus on baseball when #Canucks game 1 is on??!!
- **@dawncharlton:** Getting excited about tonight's game — neat to know that #canucks fans across Canada and beyond are too! Go Canucks! :)
- **@leftymedia:** Woah #Shaquille retired? Happy retirement to him.
- **@jordanshiffman:** The #NBA will never be the same w/o Shaquille O'Neal. He's the most charismatic character they'll ever have. So long big man. #shaqretires
- **@jeffleblanc83:** After making such classics as 'Steel' and 'Kazaam', legendary actor Shaquille O'Neal is retiring. I believe he also dabbled in basketball.

Worth mentioning

OTTAWA. Canadian governments head off in all directions when it comes to tackling climate change, a new tally of provincial and federal environment policies shows.

The end result is a disorganized, inefficient approach to greenhouse-gas reduction that won't allow Canada to meet its goals, say researchers at the Conference Board of Canada.

Len Coad, director of energy and environment at the Conference Board, said his team went through each federal and provincial jurisdiction and tried to add up all the policies to measure how close Canada will come to meeting its emission-reduction targets.

Coad said that while most governments have climate-action plans that focus on the biggest emitters in their purview, they don't include concrete goals or detailed analysis that will drive results.

Plus, he says governments don't talk to each other — or to the public for that matter — hampering their ability to work together to reduce emissions.

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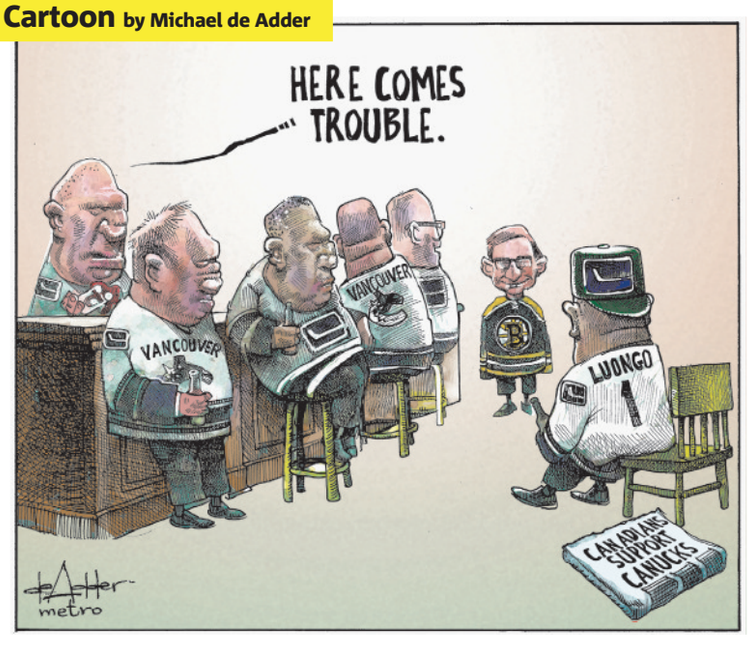

WEIRD NEWS

Those with the cutest briefs get the most votes

Politicians can be left or right, red or blue — hot or not.

A new website lets Britons rank their lawmakers' sex appeal.

The site, www.sexymp.co.uk, asks visitors to choose between two pictured legislators, with the votes compiled into a fast-changing overall ranking.

Conservative legislator Penny Mordaunt led the female politicians yesterday, while fellow Tory Jake Berry was ranked the sexiest man.

The site's creator, reality TV star Francis Boulle, defended it as a "fun and memorable" way for people to get to know their politicians.

Most lawmakers seemed to take it in good humour.

Jim Shannon, briefly ranked least sexy among 648 lawmakers, told the BBC he hadn't been elected for his looks, but because voters "know I am a worker and will get the job done."

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Harnessing the power of short films

Worldwide Short Film Festival proves that longer isn't always better and Celine has fans in Kenya

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▶ The short film Power of Love, screening at the Worldwide Short Film Festival, looks at Kenyan fans of Canadian pop singer Celine Dion.

BACKSTAGE PASS

IAN GORMELY
METRO TORONTO

The short film has always come up second to its cumbersome cousin, the full-length feature. The announcement of the medium's time in the sun at the Academy Awards each year is generally greeted with a swift run the bathroom. But as online services like Twitter reshape the way we share ideas, short film looks more relevant today than ever.

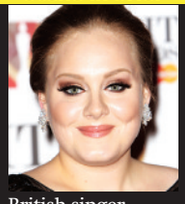
"With the advent of the Internet being a viable medium to stream video, it's really accessible to anyone," says filmmaker Joyce Wong. "In the past not as many people were attracted to short film. But now it's kind of becoming viable. You can get the work out there. You don't have to deal with really large structures that require a lot of financing to be a part of."

Wong and producer Charlotte Sobolewski are the brains behind Power of Love (Celine Dion Fans in Kenya), which screens as part of Saturday's Date Night program at the Worldwide Short Film Festival. Speaking with Kenyan fans of the Quebec chanteuse's music, in a mere eight minutes the movie distills the universal appeal of the popular, though often maligned, singer more effectively than any book or essay ever could.

A self-described "unapologetic fan" of Dion's music, Sobolewski hatched the idea while on a bus trip through the country. Homesick and lonely Celine's music started playing and Sobolewski all of a sudden felt like she was home.

"It's not like Mariah Carey or some of the other diva singers. They have more of a sentimental, waif like quality. But Celine is this fierce, super unapologetic singer," she says. "These concepts love and friendship and relationships are universal across cultures, gender lines."

Scene in brief



British singer Adele has postponed five dates on her tour of North America due to laryngitis. Columbia Records said in a statement the 23-year-old Grammy winner was diagnosed last Thursday in Minneapolis.
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Family key to Almost Heroes

For years, brothers Jason and Ryan Belleville were the jokesters brought onto a TV show to help amp up the funny.

Older brother Jason wrote jokes for the Gemini Awards, Little Mosque On the Prairie, the NHL awards, Testees and Bob and Doug after cutting his teeth in improv.

Baby-faced Ryan made his name as a hot stand-up on Toronto's comedy circuit while booking commercials, appearing in the shortlived Fox series Life on a Stick, and recently becoming a regular on She's the Mayor.

Now, the duo is coming together to make a name for themselves with their own sitcom Almost Heroes, about two brothers who run a floundering comic book store.

The younger Belleville says the Showcase series is a dream come true for the Calgary transplants, who have also developed projects for Comedy Central and the Comedy Network over the years.

"Me and Jay have been hired to write stuff that wasn't in our own voice many times," notes the 32-year-old, who says he started performing at age 15.

"I've been hired as an actor on parts and it's fun, but it's not the same. You're brought in to make something else funnier and it's just different when it's your own baby."

While Ryan Belleville is front and centre in Almost Heroes as the dimwitted Peter, Jason Belleville stays behind the scenes as co-creator, co-producer and co-writer.

He leaves the role of sophisticated older brother Terry to former Battlestar Galactica and Knight Rider regular Paul Campbell, explaining that he has "a limited range" when it comes to acting.

"I'm a lot like a Clooney," Belleville quips.

In Almost Heroes, the fictional brothers are forced to put their differences aside when their father dies and leaves the family business — a failing comic book store in a strip mall — in their incapable hands.

The series kicks off tonight with an unconventional memorial at the comic shop attended by a hodge podge of costume-wearing geeks.

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Fassbender's magnetic personality

German-Irish actor steps into the daunting shadow of Ian McKellen playing Magneto in X-Men: First Class
Forced to do a lot of 'cringing' to make the full use of his super power Anxious for any possible sequels

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Indie movie star Michael Fassbender gets his first big break, in X-Men: First Class. Metro sat down for a revealing one-on-one.

Fassbender is about to have his big moment. Once a lauded television and indie film actor, the German-Irishman has graduated to working with auteurs like Quentin Tarantino (in Inglourious Basterds) and is rumored to be the next James Bond. But Fassbender's first big mainstream role will be with this weekend's X-Men: First Class, which depicts the inception of the Marvel heroes (and baddies), set in the 1960s. The charming 34-year-old makes for one sexy sometimes-villain Magneto. He explained to us his deep powers of concentration and his current project, Prometheus.

If you could have one super power, what would it be?
Being honest, I reckon flying would have to be up there just because it's one thing I can't do — damn it — much to my dismay, because when I was younger I did believe I was Superman. I've just come to terms with this in the last year that I'm not. … So I would like to be able to fly and I would like to have a tail as well.

Oh, for what purpose?
I think it's kind of kinky. Kidding. I like the idea of being able to balance on things and they also look quite nice, don't they? They're aesthetically pleasing. I could be drinking a milkshake independently now with my hands free.

Did you talk to Ian McKellen about playing Magneto?
The thing is, I was thinking to myself, "Oh s—, the fans are not going to be happy because (McKellen), I think, goes down as one of the number one villains in all superhero films. It was a bit stupid of me to go against the grain in that respect. But then I thought, I'd bring something fresh. I want to make bold choices. Hopefully there would be something new and still have the quality that people recognize of Magneto for the fans.

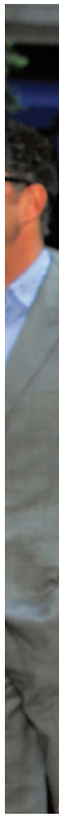
How many X-Men sequels are you contracted for?
Oh they own me, dude. They've got me for two options so they definitely have the option to use me and to be honest with you, I'd be very excited to continue the journey with it. James (McAvoy) and I have been talking about it over the last few days, about where we could go with the next one. We definitely want to be involved from the ground floor up on that. I think that's going to be very important if there is a sequel.

Could you see yourself in the might-be sequels, continuing to walk the line between good guy and bad guy?
As much as I can, for sure. It's far more interesting and it happens like that in the comic books. There's a respect that continues between these two characters that I think is very interesting.

Metro had asked you before about working with green screens, but a lot of your performance demands a lot of intense cringing, because you move things with your mind…
Constipation, yes. I know, I was watching it last night thinking, "God, really. Just get on with it, man. Eat some prunes." It's like, how do you go about doing stuff like that?…. But yeah, there were a few people laughing in the theater last night. I was like, "shut up, all right? Give me a break, okay? You try f—king lifting a submarine, smart ass."

Regarding Prometheus, this was rumored to be an Alien prequel but that has not been confirmed. Any comment?
Hmm shall I cause controversy? Um, no. The thing is, it's not a prequel. It definitely is separate. It is a separate story, but there are threads that connect the stories.

Is Prometheus an alien?
Well Prometheus is basically a Greek god that stole fire from the gods so that he could give humans equal footing with them. And then he got sort of tied up to a tree or rock and then an eagle comes down and eats his liver each day and it regrows and he eats it, regrows so figure it out. How can you tie that into space?



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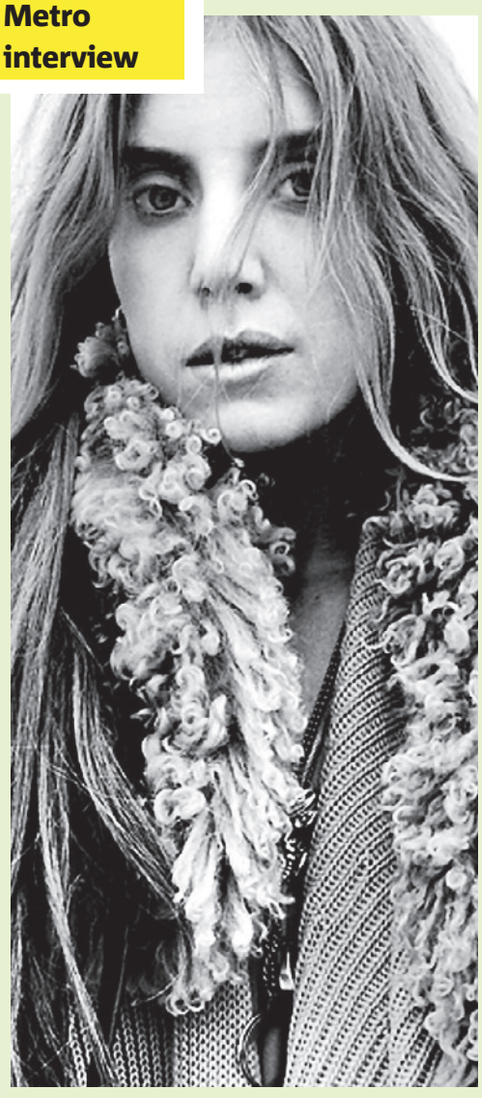

LYKKE LI

WELCOME TO 'MY WORLD,' SAYS THE SWEDISH CHANTEUSE

There is something playful about the sorrow of Lykke Li.

In the song Sadness Is a Blessing, she delivers the phrase that gives her latest album its title of Wounded Rhymes, but in a ringing chorus she sings, "sadness is my boyfriend."

Elsewhere on the album she imbues a song like Unrequited Love with a pining innocence, like it's a song from the early '60s, and immediately follows it with the sexy drive of Get Some, where she's going out on the prowl, singing, "I'm your prostitute, you're gonna get some."

In conversation, the Swedish singer is serious about her art, but also willing to laugh at herself.

One thing that comes across on Wounded Rhymes is the importance of the sequence. The songs flow naturally. How much thought went in?

It is a lot of thought and work into that. I actually had to leave out songs because I couldn't fit them into my "world."

It's about balance. Just like cooking, you follow your instinct but at some point you've got to ease off the salt.

Your song, I Follow Rivers, appeared in a Glee episode. Did you ever think something so mainstream — and all about happiness — would celebrate a song from an album like Wounded Rhymes?

There is no business like show business, and sometimes even a melancholic person like me has to have a laugh and collect some stamps for the books.

Glee is so far away from me as a person and artist, so it was more about me seeing the humour in some huge American show singing my song about a really destructive love.

With that said, I haven't actually ever watched the show and don't know much about it except that my gay friends love it.

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Two outcasts: Ke$ha

Rock 'n' roll has always had outcasts. But while The Who sang, "hope I die before I get old," singers these days are taking a much more encouraging tone.

Lady Gaga proudly says she was Born This Way, Ke$ha lets her freak flag fly by singing We R Who We R, and Katy Perry tells her listeners that they "don't have to feel like a wasted space" in Firework.

Why are all these women singing so many anthems of individuality?

Ke$ha says it's about awareness.

"I wrote We R Who We R because I read about a bunch of teenage boys who killed themselves because they were bullied at school for being 'different' and it really struck me," she says. "I also wasn't like everyone else in school and was a bit misunderstood. As I've gotten older I'm happy I wasn't like everyone else. And I wanted these kids to have an anthem that expressed that."

Gaga tells Metro that she's seen the way that the message of Born This Way has moved her fans.

"The new generation is very affected by the lack of equality," she says. "I noticed I had 12- and 13-year-old kids at my shows saying 'I felt like I didn't belong and couldn't be myself with my family and now there's Born This Way and I have a very easy answer to a very difficult question in my life.'"

Adds Ke$ha: "I hope the reason other singers are covering the same topic is a sign that we, as a culture, are evolving out of homogenization and are learning that we don't have to be someone else's definition of 'perfect.'"

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David Lynch is familiar with your work. Who else that was an influence on you would you want to admire your songs?
Well, if Ingmar Bergman came to life and liked me, that would just be lovely and fantastic.

Actually, some fortune-teller ... told me he is my guardian angel so I'm probably all set!

The tones of your two albums are so different. Is it difficult to put songs from Youth Novels into your set?
It is rather painful. I would much rather go into a big My Bloody Valentine instrumental set, but you know, you've gotta serve your loving audience as well. After all, I am somewhat an entertainer.

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KE$HA and Gaga

"My fans and I are ... taking over"

The No. 1 artist parties hard, hitting her biggest venues yet during a summer tour

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Like most of Ke$ha's songs — including chartbusters Tik Tok and We R Who We R — her latest, Crazy Beautiful Life, from her album, Cannibal, is a fine example of art imitating her ... crazy beautiful life.

At one point she sings, "got here by runnin' my mouth," which is quite true in this interview.

What at present is your favourite song to sing?
Animal is my favourite song to sing live. It's also probably my favourite song I've ever written.

How about your favourite line?
I love to sing the line in We R Who We R: "We're running this town just like a club," because my fans and I are a cult of rowdy misfits and we're taking over! And at my shows, when we're all there together, I can really feel our collective energy and that line feels like a mantra for us.

You mention the Rolling Stones in more than one song. Is a Mick Jagger collaboration imminent for you?
Do you have his number?

Unfortunately I don't. Did you really jump the fence to get into see the Stones when you were broke, like you sing in The Harold Song?
I really did jump the fence to see the Stones when I was too broke to pay, but that wasn't anything out of the ordinary. I didn't have enough money to pay for shows until recently, so pretty much all the shows I have ever been to I have had to sneak into.

Over the years I've had to get pretty creative to figure out how to get past security unnoticed, but I have also gotten to see tons of shows and made out with a ton of roadies.

What does it feel like to be going back to cities you've been to already on this tour, but at much bigger venues?
Every show I play, whether it's to two people or 2,000 people, I go balls out. But it's fun to get to go back because I see that our cult is growing.

Is there anything different you're doing for the bigger venues?
Naturally, it's all going to have to be bigger. Bigger band members — minimum seven-feet tall and 250 pounds; bigger condoms — hefty garbage bag size; bigger glitter — each piece is the same radius as a basketball; bigger beer bottles — each beer is actually a pony keg in glass.

How much longer does it take to get ready now that your costuming is so elaborate?
It took no time not to shower before. And it still takes no time not to shower now.

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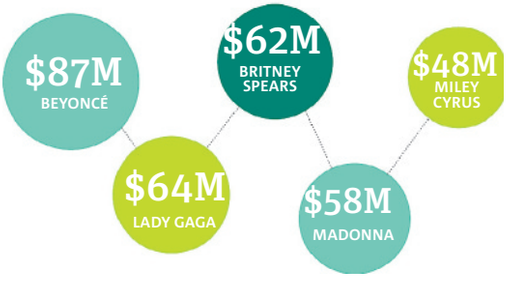

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Band's music is lightening up as singer has 'less to be sad about these days'

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Although the new single from the indie rock band Cold War Kids is called Louder Than Ever, their latest album is anything but that.

In fact, many of the highly melodic songs on Mine Is Yours are devoid of the angst that first propelled the band to popularity with the song Hang Me Up To Dry in 2007.

Singer Nathan Willett says he simply has less to be sad about these days.

"I mean, I've gotten married," he says.

They also spent some time in Long Beach, Calif., where the band formed.

"And this was kind of the first time we'd had a long stretch of being home, reconnecting with our friends and getting back to a normal state of living."

Willett also credits his focus on home with a shift in his lyric writing. Expect their live performance to be equally personal.

"You kind of get the real life story back in, which I felt really was missing on the second record," he says. "I got to spend a lot more time creating something more cohesive, and I feel like this is in some ways the first thing that we've done that just fits together."

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Indie rock trio is ‘more comfortable’

Rural Alberta Advantage may only have three members, but listen to their music and you’d think there was more

Arcade Fire. Broken Social Scene. In the past 10 years, Canadian bands, packed with 10-plus members, have been known for having more people onstage than people in the audience listening.

This isn’t the case for the Rural Alberta Advantage.

In fact, the trio is even multi-tasking to create a sound like there are more players.

Keyboardist Amy Cole recently bought a pedal bass to play with her feet to fill in the low end.

“It’s been a little weird co-ordinating that with other instruments,” says Cole. “We’ve been practicing it a lot actually, getting ready for tour.”

Their recently released second album, Departing, has been garnering favourable reviews for its heartfelt immediacy.

There have been comparisons to Bright Eyes and Arcade Fire, but especially indie rock superheroes Neutral Milk Hotel, mostly due to singer Nils Edenloff’s voice.

“I think Nils’ vocal similarity cannot be denied,” says Cole.

“Honestly, it’s flattering to be in the same sentence as a band like that. At the same time, I hope we have our own identity.”

The band does seem to have found themselves in Departing, garnering good reviews all around.

“I think because we were more confident in our sound,” says Cole, “we were kind of able to make these songs in more of a voice that is a unified voice.” METRO

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Peter Bjorn and John get negative

Band using music as a form of catharsis

The songs on Peter Bjorn and John's sixth album, Gimmie Some, are brimming with major chords, sassy beats and fun arrangements. (After all, these are the guys behind the infectious whistle of Young Folks.)

But the lyrics are full of bile and violence, although the result is occasionally funny.

"Yeah, there's a lot of bitchiness in it," agrees singer and guitarist Peter Moren. "We were joking about calling it 'Negative (expletive).'"

In the song Breaker Breaker, the trio take down a journalist who has dissed the band.

"Before you make a sound and try to turn us down/I'm gonna stuff your mouth with all your riddles," sings Moren, a lyric written by drummer John Eriksson.

"There was a word in the first couple of lines, 'I'm going to break your bike' and I thought that sounded too silly," recalls Moren. "So I suggested 'I'm going to break your arm,' instead, which was a bit heavier."

Some of the silliness remains, as Moren sings, "I'm gonna break your nose and sing about it." So did they break the journalist's nose?

"That's the thing," laughs Moren.

"When you write songs like this, and you get all of these negative thoughts and this anger out in this music, in the end it becomes something positive, and it's that catharsis, working through all those emotions and making pop music out of it, and then you just don't feel as bad.

"That's kind of the point I guess."

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Rehab 'last chance' for Winehouse

Source says doctors urge troubled singer to stop drinking altogether
Friends, family concerned about severity of Winehouse's situation

Amy Winehouse's latest trip to rehab hasn't been fun, according to the Sun, as doctors at London's the Priory treatment facility have reportedly warned the troubled singer to quit drinking all together.

"It's the last chance saloon for Amy," a source says. "Doctors have come down hard on her because of the severity of her situation. It's a harsh reality but she had to hear it."

At least Winehouse has the support of her father, Mitch Winehouse, and boyfriend, Reg Traviss, according to the source.

"They are worried about her. Mitch has been down this road before during Amy's drug addiction. But she is there of her own accord this time and wants to sort herself out."

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Halle Berry heading back to TV?

Halle Berry may be returning to her small-screen roots, as a television drama project with the Oscar-winner attached is reportedly being shopped around to HBO and Showtime by Dreamworks TV, according Deadline Hollywood.

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Maria could profit from divorce

Divorce negotiations are reportedly "moving forward" between Arnold Schwarzenegger and Maria Shriver, as Schwarzenegger has hired his own heavyweight divorce attorney, Bob Kaufman, according to TMZ.

The pair have a prenuptial agreement from when they first married, but given the age of the agreement as well as Schwarzenegger's indiscretions that have recently come to light, Shriver may still walk away with half of their estimated $400 million, legal experts speculate.

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Talking points

McDreamy leaving Grey's?

Patrick Dempsey has had just about enough of playing doctor on Grey's Anatomy, telling Italian Vogue that the eighth season of the medical soap will be it. "It's gonna be my last,"

Dempsey says. "I do not know what's going to happen to the other characters, but for me it's done. (Leaving will be) bittersweet because it's been a great part of my life. But I can't see me doing it anymore."

His rep was quick to do damage control after the quote got out, explaining to Us Weekly: "He was referring to the fact that his contract is up at the end of next season and we have no idea what the future holds."

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Lively denies nude photos

Blake Lively is busy trying to quash her first nude photo scandal, as her rep insists pictures that recently leaked online are not of the Gossip Girl star.

"The photos of Blake Lively, which have just surfaced on various websites including Perez Hilton and Zap2it.com, are 100 per cent fake," her rep says in a statement.

"Blake has never taken nude photos of herself. Blake will pursue legal action against the publication which initially published these photographs and any other outlets that republish them in any manner."

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Celebrity tweets

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@wossy "King Edward used to eat 5 big meals a day, some of [them] 10 courses. Then smoked 12 cigars. The Original G."

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@joan_rivers "Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg admits that he only eats what he kills. Which reminds me, has anyone seen the Winjlevoss twins lately?"

3 life

Scentsation

Fergie

Fergie's life just got a little more glamorous with her win of a Fifi award from the perfume industry for her scent Outspoken.

The Fragrance Foundation presented the Black Eyed Peas singer with the honour last week for new celebrity fragrance of the year at a splashy Lincoln Center ceremony.

The prize, Fergie said in a telephone interview, along with the yellow BCBG Max Azria gown she wore to pick it up and all the trappings of fame, are just icing now that she's realized her biggest aspiration - her success as a solo artist.

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Shopping ethically can be difficult, but there may be a reason why certain items like chocolate, clothing and handbags are so inexpensive

GO AHEAD, MAKE A SPLASH

Sure those pear-versus apple and curvy-versus-curveless shape charts are important But what if you actually have to move in your suit?

The runway swimsuits and magazine-shoot bikinis, with their thin straps, triangle bottoms, decorative hardware and high ratio of white fabrics, make for great photos — especially on the glamazon models.

But some other women, perhaps those who trudge across the sand carrying a beach chair or who use swimming as a form of fitness, like two-piece suits, too.

Designer Nanette Lepore, a bikini wearer and lap swimmer, says she personally tests all the swimsuit styles in her collection. "I'm aiming for across-the-board fit. That means higher bottoms and built-up tops. My friends ask, 'How did most bottoms get so skimpy, anyway?'"

But just because you don't want a string bikini doesn't limit you to dowdy, Lepore says. "I think cute, retro styling keeps them sexy."

No one is accusing a Katy Perry-type or even a Dita Von Teese lookalike, with pinup looks that evoke old Hollywood swimsuit glamour in a flirty, high-waist skirt bottom, of being frumpy or boring, says Amy Tara Koch, a Chicago-based style expert.

"To me swimwear 101 is about the four Cs: compression, coverups, construction and quality. Ok that's a Q, but it makes a C sound."

AMY TARA KOCH, STYLE EXPERT

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It's a win-win, she says, because it's a feminine look with little chance of a wardrobe malfunction.

"You need to think about how it looks and performance. ... There definitely is a middle of the road," Koch says.

Modern swimsuit manufacturers have innovative fabrics at their disposal that offer softness, control and colour that lasts even after many cycles in the sun, sand and pool, according to Koch. She also notes that many of the lingerie brands that specialize in shapewear, such as Spanx, now make swimsuits.

Koch, Lepore and Kaylin Richardson, director of sales at Panache Swimwear, all emphasize fit over any other factor in choosing a swimsuit, especially a two-piece. It's important in a one-piece, too, but there's usually more leeway, they say.

(They all also say white is a risky colour choice for anyone who gets wet — no matter the fabric or lining.)

How many women do you know who are different sizes on the bottom and top? asks Richardson. Probably most of them.

Panache makes its bathing suits based on bra sizes. "The idea is a properly fitted top — more of a custom fit," Richardson explains. "If you're chasing after kids, you don't have to feel self-conscious about a possible spill."

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Bathing best

Swimwear tips from Kaylin Richardson, director of sales at Panache Swimwear

- When you're trying a swimsuit on in the dressing room, be sure to move around.
- An underwire top is going to give the support of a bra, where a triangle top won't. Thick tank straps are another possibility.
- For the truly active woman — think beach volleyball player or a boater — the tankini should be seriously considered

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Beach-ready body tips from the best

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Jessica Perez

That long, lean blond zipping by on the sidewalk in a loose tank top, racerback sports bra, colourful running shorts and featherweight sneakers could be Sports Illustrated Swimsuit model Jessica Perez.

She's not into a fussy workout, and she's not into fussy workout gear or gadgets.

Perez credits her trainer, Justin Gelband, with keeping her motivated by varying the exercise routine. Running is her favourite cardio workout, and she'll typically go five kilometres, but one day she'll be carrying weights, the next day she'll be working on speed and then she'll try a steeper incline.

On the days she's not running, she's at the Abhyasa Yoga Center in Brooklyn near her apartment. Her best pose is the triangle.

She likes that she can do yoga anywhere in the world — whether she's home, working in Europe or on vacation in some exotic land. "The cool thing about yoga is that it's like the universal exercise, even if you don't speak the language. You could go to France or Germany and just copy what the person is doing next to you."

Perez says she rarely takes a day off from working out, mostly because it becomes harder to restart the routine. "Even if it's something small, I do it every day. I think it gets you more 'in the moment' and it just becomes part of your life."

"It doesn't have to be a fancy program. Exercise should be like brushing your teeth."

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The louder the suit, the better

This season, men's trunks and board shorts are all about flamboyance in loud floral prints, bold colours or short, body-hugging shapes Wear them with confidence

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5 PAUL SMITH

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6 H&M

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The designer duo

From school to stardom, the talented team behind Proenza Schouler have stuck to their creative formula

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Designers Jack McCollough, left, and Lazaro Hernandez

Abandoning respective plans to pursue pre-med and glassblowing are paying off for Lazaro Hernandez and Jack McCollough.

The design duo behind Proenza Schouler has seen their careers surge since founding their New York-based womenswear and accessories brand in 2002. Their label's moniker is drawn from their mothers' maiden names.

It was a partnership forged while studying at the Parsons School of Design. It was there they established a fashionable first, deciding to collaborate on a joint senior collection. The decision paid dividends when the entire collection was snapped up by Barneys.

While the days of design school are behind them, the designers, both 32, have done little to tinker with the creative formula that has helped fuel their steady ascent within the industry where they've earned acclaim for their sophisticated luxury looks infused with a youthful sensibility.

"I think as we've kind of added new things, shoes, bags ... (the brand has) evolved, but it's still fundamentally kind of based on the same principles in the beginning when we were working together," said McCollough in an interview steps from The Room at the Bay's flagship downtown Toronto store which carries their collections.

"In terms of a lot of things, we're a little OCD. We're a little micro-managey. We like to make sure we're fully involved in everything."
JACK MCCOLLOUGH

"We still kind of sit down and go away and we'll sketch for a bunch of days and the process leading up to the show is still pretty much the same."

While they have an "army of interns" and dedicated support team, McCollough said they continue to work in a kind of "insular process," and in many ways stick to themselves.

"In terms of a lot of things, we're a little OCD. We're a little micromanagey," he said, as Hernandez let out a hearty laugh. "We like to make sure we're fully involved in everything."

McCollough said he and Hernandez were bookending their brief Canadian visit with stays at their Massachusetts farm sketching their upcoming spring collection.

It's not uncommon for the cutting-edge design team to soak in a little inspiration for future designs while temporarily away from the spotlight.

"Most of our collections are autobiographical in a way," said Hernandez. "You want to know what we're up to, what we've been doing? Just look at our collections." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Wed-ify your hairdo

Kate Middleton's wedding hairstylist on that famous demi chignon, building block tiaras, and lily of the valley

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Getting your hair to look its best on your wedding day is a small but crucial part of the overall look. You want a style that will look effortless and chic, and yet be sturdy enough to withstand, say, an unexpected gust of wind or your first dance without diverting the attention away from your dress. Yes, it's possible. Kate Middleton's hair guru, Richard Ward, explains.

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▶ Say yes to Kate Middleton's demi chignon, but skip the tiara.

Try a demi chignon

"The up/down demi chignon really is the best of both worlds," Ward says. "Wear it all the way down and your hair will be all over your face. But wear it all the way up and you look too strict. (The demi chignon) is a timeless look that you can pull off at both the ceremony and the party."

Keep the curls lovely and loose

"No matter how well curls have been done they will eventually drop. For long lasting, lovely loose curls use big rollers set into wet hair. This will last as your hair dries into the shape," he explains. "The worst thing to do is use tight and heavy tongs or heating rollers as neither will last."

Choose your hair ornamentation wisely

"Tiaras are really popular at the moment," he says, stating the obvious. "I'd recommend keeping your hair away from your face if you're going to try to pull that look off. Kate's looked amazing but the problem is when people wear a tiara that' s more like a crown, it all ends up looking like a building block," he says. Flowers are a safer bet. "They're the ultimate hair accessory. Make a halo using lily of the valley buds. If you want to jazz this up at night just swap the flowers for some diamante studs, as seen on Pippa (Middleton)."

Start a mood board and practice, practice, practice

"Create a board with clippings that reflect the style you want to go for and show it to your hairdresser. All brides should practice their hairstyle until they are 100 per cent happy. You don't want any surprises on the day," Ward says.

Pick a good hair spray and let your mother have her say

"Keep your mother in the loop throughout as her feedback is priceless. On the day, allow for at least 90 minutes to get your hair done," he says. "An easy trap to fall into is to add on loads of hairspray to make sure that your hair stays in place but what you should be doing is lightly applying a fine spray. Assign a friend to help you freshen your hair on the night, whether its re-toning, blow drying or straightening."

Consider your age

"If you're over 35, pulling your hair completely away from the face can be very ageing. Also, too much volume on the side will stiffen your face. Copy Kate and allow your hair to gently sweep across your forehead. A great soft look that is also perfect for shorter hair is to have your hair down and slightly twisted and then tightened at sides."

Don't go overboard

"You'll want to feel special — it's your day, we get it — but your husband-to-be should recognize you as you walk down the aisle. A wedding is a respectful affair, avoid going overboard on anything."

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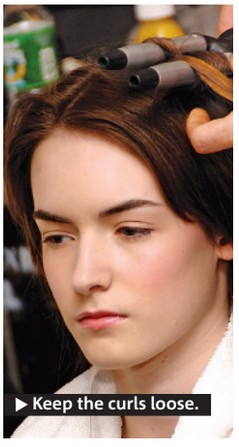

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CONDO STOCK HITS THE RENOVATION SWEET SPOT

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With all the new condo construction going on in this city, the last thing on many people's minds is suite renovation. But, I frankly expect it to be one of the fastest growing segments of the renovation market over the next few years.

Just like new subdivisions, there comes a point approximately 20 years after the original occupancy when things need repairing, replacing or remodelling. We've been erecting new condo buildings in the GTA for 40 years now so we're into the second wave for some buildings.

I've always said that the resale market drives renovation as people fix to sell or renovate to suit, and we all know that the resale market has been very strong for years, but of late, the resale condo market has witnessed above average levels of activity, which is in turn driving renovation activity.

The condo construction boom of the mid- to late-1980s is the stock that's currently ripe for renovation and that was a time when suite sizes were substantially larger, so the renovation possibilities are as varied as the owners themselves.

With all these drivers of condominium renovation activity, I wasn't surprised when Kenzie Campbell, general manager of Royal Home Improvements and chair of BILD's Renovators Council told an industry roundtable meeting recently convened by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation that he is doing more and more work in condo buildings and that the project values are rising as suite owners do their units up to the nines.

As active as the condominium renovation market is today, fast forward 15-20 years and imagine how busy professional renovators are going to be as the stock currently being built reaches the renovation sweet spot.

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Condos go sleek and ultra modern

Bye-bye broadloom — laminate or hardwood floors are the new norm
And the richer the material, the better

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From appliances to lighting to furnishings, these days, ultra modern is in. When you look at the newest condos and lofts being marketed, you can see a shifting trend in finishes and layouts.

The traditional U-shaped kitchens are being replaced with linear (along one wall) kitchens and European cabinetry and appliances, such as hide-away fridges and dishwashers, wall ovens and built-in cooktop stoves.

An easy and effective remodeling trend for condos is a lighting upgrade. With a lighting makeover, you can remodel and dramatically alter the appearance of your condo and create a new, refreshing environment.

Lighting is another important trend that is only beginning to catch on as an enhancing feature, and the line between art and lighting is blurring as people are spending lavishly for lighting that makes an impact when you walk into a room.

For a sleek and ultra-modern look, there is resurgence to high-gloss white mixed with stainless steel and glass accents, both in cabinetry and appliances. John Maguire of Royal LePage realty believes that current trends are about to change.

"The future will be more a mix of antique pieces with custom one of a kind and modern pieces. Instead of dark wood, or the previous maple trend, we will see more interesting materials like pickled, bleached or limed wood, especially oak, and different stains like lighter charcoal instead of dark brown."

Adding "fab" factors to square footage makes all the difference, according to recent Sales Achievement Award winner, Lori Lawrence.

"Resale purchasers now expect stainless steel appliances and granite or stone countertops as the norm."

She maintains that oiled bronze is the "new" stainless steel. Oiled bronze adds beautiful coppery highlights and warmth to any kitchen, from contemporary to French provincial — accented with stainless steel handles and pulls to add sparkle."

Smaller, streamlined furniture is the trend, rather than big, bulky house furniture that looks out of place in a modern condominium. The place to look is Toronto's designer furniture alley along King Street East at Sherbourne Street.

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▶ European cabinetry and appliances are fast catching on for condo kitchens.

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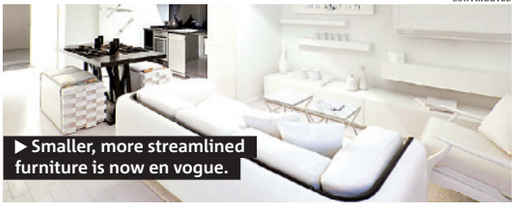

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▶ A lighting makeover can create a refreshing environment.

CONDO WOES AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

LEGAL MATTERS

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I recently purchased a condo and I have just received a notice of a special assessment by the Board of Directors to the tune of $3,000 to bring the reserve fund up-to-date and in line with legal requirements. When I bought the property eight months ago, nothing indicated that this may be coming in the future. What, if anything can I do about this?

Just to bring our readers up-to-date, a special assessment is a charge the condo management can demand from each owner to address deficiencies and possible shortfalls in the reserve fund. This fund is savings set aside by the condo corp to deal with large structural issues such as new roofs, redoing parking garage surfaces and other common elements.

If a condo corp needs to make major repairs, they can draw from these savings. Then it needs to replenish the fund with either a special assessment against each owner or regular increases through the monthly common expenses.

In your case, it would seem that for reasons unknown to me, you have been required to top up the fund with a special assessment. If this charge comes very shortly after you purchased the condo, you may have had an opportunity to uncover this upcoming charge by reviewing the status/estoppel certificate.

Generally, the certificate will indicate if there is a possibility of a special assessment and potentially the amount chargeable against the specific unit you are buying. This is why many offers to purchase have a condition for the review of the status certificate. However, eight months has passed and this probably puts you outside of the time frame for having been able to uncover this financial problem at the time of the offer.

You are required to pay the assessment otherwise the potential extreme result of the Board placing a lien against the title to your condo. Often, the management will spread the payment out over a number of months in order to lessen the financial pain. However, one way or another the charge is yours.

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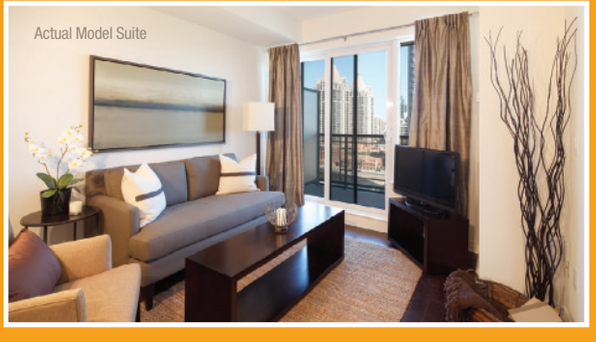

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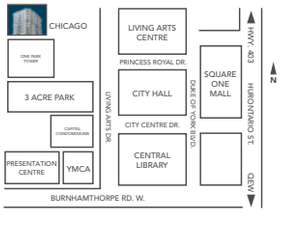

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Decorate like a millionaire

Creating a classic-looking room without breaking the bank. A little time and creativity is all it takes

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Although trends can be fun to learn about; and even implement into our decor; always keeping up with them can be exhausting and expensive.

There are certain decor choices that never seem to go out of style. From a splash of animal print, to classic wood tones and fabric choices, anyone can achieve the look of a millionaire's home without having to break the bank.

Here's a list of affordable classic decor choices that are fresh and timeless.

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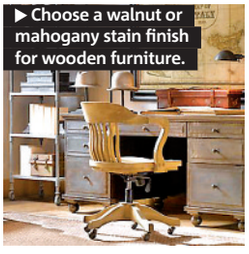

▶ Choose a walnut or mahogany stain finish for wooden furniture.

Floors

Look for silk-like rugs made of viscose at places like Walmart and Home Depot. Choose tone-on-tone, simply designed rugs as they tend to have a more classic look and will last longer.

Tiles are great for updating a kitchen, bath or foyer area. Choose classic slate or marble-look porcelain tiles; it's hard to tell the porcelain versions over the real thing and they are much less expensive than the real thing.

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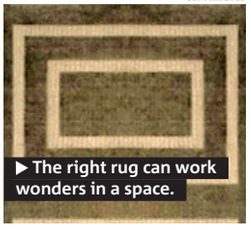

▶ The right rug can work wonders in a space.

Want the look of old-world floors? Consider laminate floors that are reminiscent of herringbone oak floors in Paris.

Laminate is also durable, easy to install and is considered a "floating" floor that makes it an excellent candidate to for floors in condos.

Drapes

Faux silk drapery panels are aplenty at the big-box retailer stores. If choosing pre-made drapery panels then splurge and buy the next size up as the more the fabric hangs the more luxurious the windows will look. Got drapes already?

Beef them up to look more lush by adding an inexpensive material (like polar fleece) sewn as an additional lining; your drapery panels will instantly look fuller.

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▶ New linen pillows and a sixties glass vase can add impact and personality to a room.

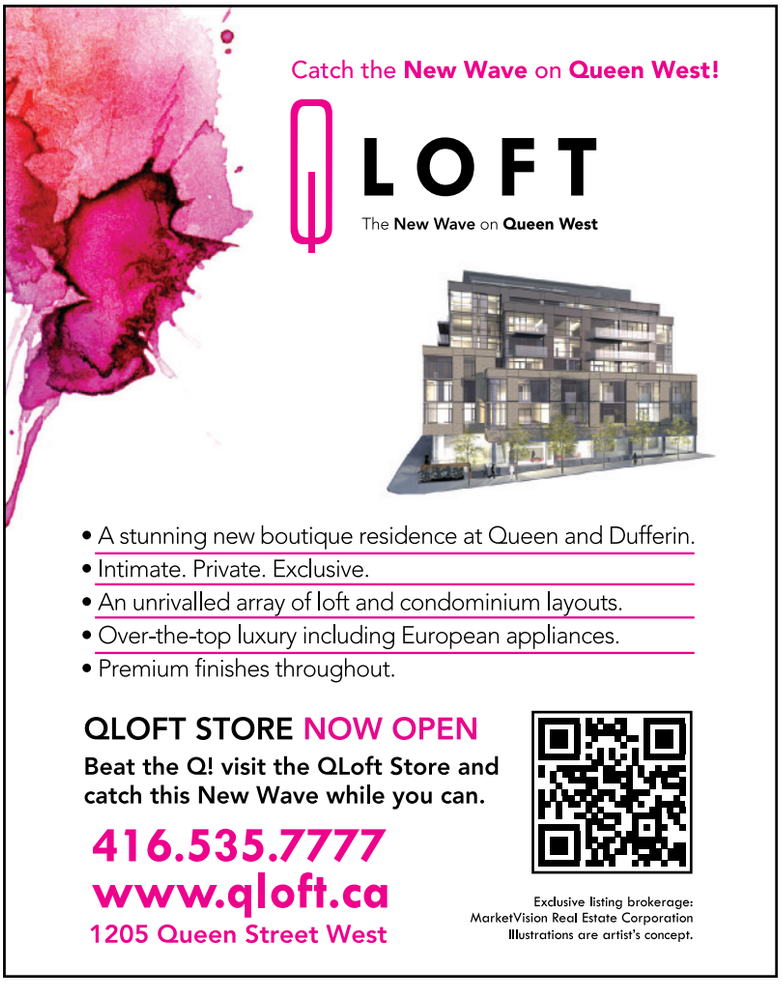
Upholstered furniture

Plain neutral coloured fabrics like cotton twill, chenille or synthetic linen do not have to cost a lot, yet when teamed up with a simple colour like cream, taupe or grey they can look classic for a long time. Consider adding dashes of a trendier colour with pillows, glass vases and candles.

Designer classics

These are items that designers and style-makers scoop up at the flea markets and decor stores.

- **Skin rugs:** For less that a few hundred dollars you can have a cow skin rug which has been a designer classic for years.
- **Needlepoint pillows:** These look amazing on a sofa or at the top of bed.
- **Rose bowl vases:** These are great in many sizes, and can hold flowers, fruit or candles.
- **Black and white photos:** Framed with a simple black wood moulding and white matting, these can look timeless leaning against a fireplace mantle or hung in a hallway.



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Style your home for less

Getting that 'wow' factor isn't as hard — or as costly — as you think Here are a few simple tricks and ideas

DIY IDEAS

Introducing style into your home comes from more than large furniture pieces and paint colours. It requires attention to detail and thoughtful design.

With a simple budget and these basic ideas, you can create a home that is updated, fresh, and stylish.

The fabric of your life

Fabric is the easiest and fastest way to create "wow" factor in a room and to showcase your personal taste.

It's important to coordinate fabrics, using both patterns and neutrals, big and small prints, and don't forget to consider texture!

Updating large pieces like curtains, bedding, or upholstery is a great way to transform your home, but not if you're on a strict budget.

Try incorporating eye-popping fabric through accent pillows or even a simple throw in a living room or bedroom, both of which you can make yourself.

Hardware is easy

Adding gorgeous knobs to an old dresser or cabinet can immediately take it to a higher standard — and all it takes is a screwdriver!

Think of elements in your home that you touch and feel every day, such as door handles that can be easily updated.

Make your desk more eye-catching by swapping out the handles for some that reflect the design of the room.

Consider visiting your local flea market for some vintage and bargain buys that will add charm and personality to your home.

Rugs, rugs, rugs

A rug can revitalize and beautify your space in one simple step. They can change with the seasons or rotate for an easy way to update your home.

Choosing two or three smaller rugs is cheaper than an area rug, and will better complement your rooms.

Think outside the rectangular box when making your choice — an oval, circular or even octagonal shape can add flair!

Rugs are a practical and affordable way to make the space in which you live a designer's dream.

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▶ The fine art of flipping: Peter Fallico hosts Home To Flip, a show that helps families renovate and redesign their homes on a strict budget in order to resell for a larger profit.

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Wanted: More closet space

Tage a page from Eminem and clean out your closet
Then revamp it into an oasis of organization

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If cramming in new spring clothing already proved too much for your overstuffed and disorganized closet, it's time to expand.

Nothing tidies a room and makes getting dressed less traumatic than a well-organized, capacious closet.

Ready to redo yours? First, think hard about the design, says Melanie Jackson Bergin, California Closets' lead designer.

"A closet is such a personal thing, everyone has different needs and expectations," she says.

"Decide what you want. Do you want your thousands of shoes displayed, or do you want to maximize space?

If you're limited with how much room you have, then you have to compromise and design for maximum storage."

Jackson's tips to create a great closet:

• Keep obstructions minimal. For example, if you need a light switch or outlet in the closet, put it on a sidewall that you won't be putting shelves or rails on.

• Really pay attention to the height of your storage system. Keep things reachable, but also up high enough so that your clothes won't drag on the floor when you hang them.

• Don't clutter your new closet: Sort, save or purge. If you don't love it or if you don't wear it, donate it!

Thinking about building your own?

"Be honest: What is your skill level?" Jackson says.

"If you think you can handle it, go for it. The biggest do-it-yourself nightmare we see is when the person didn't find all the studs," she says, referring to the wall's wood posts.

"A year goes by and the closet starts to fall apart."

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▶ A nicely organized closet can make deciding what to wear much easier.

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The art of urban farming

As more people turn to rooftop gardens to grow their food, they're coming up with ways to keep those gardens light and avoid cave-ins

The rooftop garden at the Glide Memorial Church in San Francisco.

On the roof of the Glide Memorial Church in San Francisco, gardeners use wine boxes and coconut cores. In Philadelphia, they plant between the roofs of row houses. In New York City, one homeowner installed steel beams.

As more people turn to roof gardens to grow their own food, they are coming up with all kinds of ways to keep those plots light and avoid roof sagging and cave-ins.

"Weight is a huge factor," says Josephine Quiocho, a project organizer at Graze The Roof, a community garden that grows spinach, mustard, kale, sweat peas and other crops on Glide Memorial's roof.

Graze The Roof has perfected an ultra-light "soil" that includes coconut core and perlite, a volcanic mineral that aerates plants. "The coconut core allows more air into the soil, lightens it up and helps trap moisture. We don't need heavy, water-clogged soil that can weigh on your roof," Quiocho says.

The Glide Memorial farmers grow their crops in bread boxes and wine boxes, in part because the boxes are light, in part to show congregants that they can grow plants in containers found around the house.

In New York, Lize Mogel took a structural approach: She had five steel beams constructed under her roof so she could begin planting a roof farm later this year. Mogel, an artist who has grown roof crops for years, always dreamed of having a full roof farm.

"I had to do renovations anyway, so I spoke to the architect and it didn't cost much more to reinforce the roof," she says. "Because the steel beams will be attached directly to the gratings on which I'll grow the crops, the gratings can take a massively heavy load. I could raise elephants up there if I want."

For urban farmers with weaker roofs, shaving off every pound of extra weight is a hobby in itself.

Jay Sand, a co-ordinator with the Philadelphia Rooftop Farm, is working with "farmers who want to be architects and architects

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who want to be farmers" to transform the city's roofs. After many hours of study, Sand and his group focused on expanding co-operative efforts across Philadelphia's famous row houses.

"We decided not to grow on twin roofs, where one brick wall is shared between two houses. For the next growing season, we're focused on row houses with two brick walls between houses. They are absolutely perfect because you can hold a lot of support," says Sand, a music teacher.

His group is now talking to block captains and resident groups to get more people involved this year.

"I use a light wooden platform to grow my own crops," says Sand. "If we want to expand the project, we'd like to spread loads between people's roofs."

In Chicago, Heidi Hough, who co-writes a blog for rooftop farmers called greenroofgrowers.blogspot.com, has turned her passion for urban agriculture into a search for the perfect lightweight roof garden.

Above her home, she grows plants on wooden platforms, which helps take pressure off the roof. A local hot-dog factory also gives her plastic pickle barrels which she "recycles and upcycles" to make planters for vegetables.

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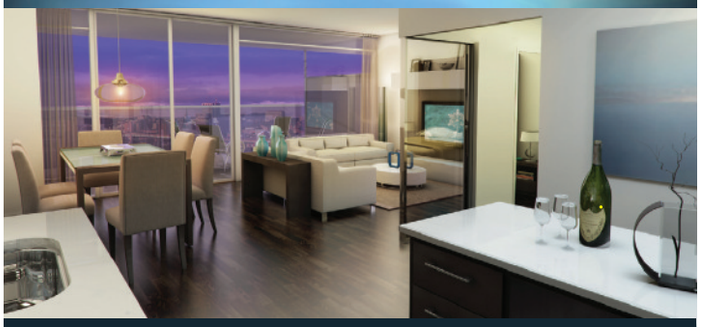

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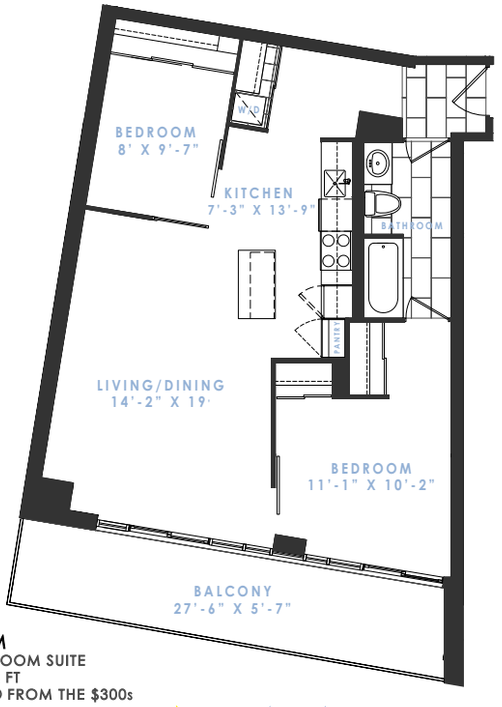

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Blue mussels go green

Farmed blue mussels are a sustainable seafood These Spicy Marinated Mussels make a great appetizer

Increasingly, Canadians are examining what they eat, where it comes from and how the environment is affected by the foods they choose.

When it comes to seafood, farmed blue mussels are one of the greenest choices.

Monterey Bay Aquarium's seafood watch program lists farmed mussels as a "super green" seafood product. Seafood Watch bases its selections on a variety of factors, including the fishery, habitat, species, management and other factors that affect each species, as well as their Omega 3 content.

"Nearly 75 percent of the world's fisheries are fished to capacity, or overfished, but our seafood choices have the power to improve that situation," says Linda Duncan, executive director of the Mussel Industry Council of North America.

"Each year we see more interest in sustainable blue mussels, grown naturally in their own environment," explains Duncan. "They're harvested by hand in Atlantic Canada and shipped to your (city)."

Mussels grow in abundance. Each female releases as many as 20 million eggs, which float in the ocean waves, get fertilized and then latch onto mussel farmers' collector ropes, where they continue to grow to maturity as they would naturally.

Spicy Marinated Mussels

Preparation:

1. Stir fresh blue mussels in colander while rinsing in tap water. Set aside for a few minutes. Tap any that are open and discard those that don't close in response to the tap.
2. Place all ingredients (not the marinade ingredients) in sauce pan with a lid and steam for 5 to 7 minutes until fresh blue mussels are steamed open.
3. Remove mussels, discarding any that do not open.
4. When cool, shuck mussels and place meats in a large serving dish. Combine marinade ingredients in air–tight container and shake to blend. Pour over fresh blue mussels. Refrigerate until ready to use.

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Ingredients:

- 6 lb fresh cultured blue mussels
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 cup white wine
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 clove garlic, chopped
- 1 small hot pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1/4 cup shallots, chopped
- 1 each red and green pepper, chopped
- 2 tbsp parsley, minced

Marinade

- 1/2 cup white wine vinegar
- 2 tbsp dijon mustard
- 2 clove garlic, chopped
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1 dash black pepper

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These elegant spicy marinated mussels take a few simple steps to make.

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Every second counts

With the clock running down on a scoreless Game 1, Torres seals the victory by beating Thomas

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Raffi Torres scored with 18.5 seconds left in the third period to give the Vancouver Canucks a 1-0 victory over the Boston Bruins last night in Game 1 of the Stanley Cup final.

Torres took a pass from Jannik Hansen and beat Bruins goaltender Tim Thomas on the stick side. His third goal of the playoffs brought a tremendous roar from the crowd at Rogers Arena.

"That's how you've got to beat (Thomas)," Torres told CBC after the game. "You've got to get him moving, try to fake a shot like Jannik did. He made a great pass, and we needed that one."

Canuck goaltender Roberto Luongo made 36 saves and opened a series with a shutout for the third time these playoffs.

Game 2 of the best-of-seven series will be played Saturday at Rogers Arena.

Thomas had looked like a spinning top in the third period.

In the first minute Alex Burrows deflected a puck that Thomas stopped. Thomas stoned Jannik Hansen on a breakaway, then calmly put his glove on the puck as it lay in front of the net. Later, he got his body in front of a Maxim Lapierre deflection.

Canuck Mason Raymond was left shaking his head in the second period when he sent a deflection just wide of the open net.

Thomas ended the night with 33 saves.

There was no scoring after 40 minutes but the game had a nasty edge.

Boston defenceman Andrew Ference hacked Henrik Sedin to the ice with a cross-check in the second period after the whistle had blown.

Torres gave Boston's Chris Kelly a punch in the face. Daniel Sedin backed into Thomas, bowling the Bruins' goaltender over.

None of the plays drew a penalty.

Canuck defenceman Dan Hamhuis sent the big Lucic cartwheeling through the air with a hip check.

The Bruins' David Krejci took exception and cross-check Hamhuis while he was on the ice.

Hamhuis went to the Canuck dressing room and didn't return.

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▶ Raffi Torres, centre, celebrates with his Canucks teammates after his goal last night.

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Sports in brief

Toronto Blue Jays slugger Jose Bautista is the leading vote-getter among all American League players for baseball's annual all-star game.

Bautista had 1,261,659 votes in fan polling as of yesterday.

Bautista drove in two runs last night, but the Jays still lost 13-9 to the Cleveland Indians.

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▶ The rebuilding Raptors have decided to start anew at the head coach position by moving Jay Triano into the team's front office.

Raps shuffle Triano out of coach's role

First ever Canadian NBA coach will now serve as assistant to Colangelo

The Toronto Raptors are making a head coaching change after finishing with the third-worst record in the NBA this past season.

The team will not pick up the option on Jay Triano's contract for next season. Instead, he will be retained as a special assistant to president and general manager Bryan Colangelo.

The search for a new head coach will commence immediately.

"I have great respect for Jay Triano both as a person and as a basketball mind," Colangelo said in a release yesterday. "Jay deserves tremendous credit for developing our young players this past season and our most recent win-loss record does not appropriately reflect his many positive contributions to this organization."

Triano served as an assistant to three coaches before being named interim head coach in December 2008 following the dismissal of Sam Mitchell. The interim tag was later removed and Triano signed a three-year deal in May 2009.

He guided the Raptors to a 22-60 mark this past season and finished with an 87-142 record as head coach.

"This was a difficult decision to make," Colangelo said. "But after almost three full seasons of observation and evaluation I believe that bringing in a new voice as head coach will accelerate the progress we are looking to make in the coming years."

Triano, a native of Niagara Falls, Ont., joined Lenny Wilkens' Raptors coaching staff for the 2002-03 season.

"I am grateful to the organization for the opportunity to be a head coach in the NBA," Triano said. "I am proud of the work that I and the coaching staff have done with our young players and feel confident we have laid the foundation for a team that will continue to improve.

"I look forward in assisting Bryan to deliver a championship team to Toronto."

The announcement came two weeks after Colangelo agreed to a multi-year contract extension.

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Talent void

Jay Triano became the victim of the Raptors' talent deficiency after Chris Bosh left last summer to join the Miami Heat.

- Andrea Bargnani has yet to step into the void left by Bosh on the young squad.
- Triano spent six years as head coach of Canada's national team, leading Canada to a seventh-place finish at the 2000 Olympics.

FRONT OFFICE

NHL to take 'fresh look' at discipline

A new man will be handing out the discipline in the NHL.

Colin Campbell is stepping down as the league's head disciplinarian and is being replaced by former player Brendan Shanahan.

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman made the announcement yesterday, saying the move was part of a reorganization of the league's head office.

"Both Colin and I believe it's time to take a fresh look at the standards that we use," Bettman said prior to Game 1 of the Stanley Cup final.

"If we are going to move to harsher discipline, that change needs to send a clear message and we think it would probably be best to do on a clean slate."

There had been some criticism that there were inconsistencies in the suspensions Campbell had handed out this season, especially in the area of head shots.

Bettman praised Campbell's efforts and said it was not a demotion.

"It would be unfair, inappropriate and simply wrong to suggest this reorgnaizaiton in any way is a diminution of Colin or his role," said Bettman.

Campbell will continue in his job of director of hockey operations.

"I approached Gary back in March about supplemental discipline, and it was time to have a fresh look and fresh eyes at the process of discipline," said Campbell, who had held the job since 1998.

Shanahan, who won three Stanley Cups with the Detroit Red Wings, said his taking over the job won't necessarily result in longer suspensions.

"I can't promise you how I will view each individual situation," Shanahan said. "I do love the physical aspect of hockey and it is a very difficult and fine balance to keep that in the game to allow players to play on their toes, but at the same time know what they can and cannot do.

"I will promise you when I do make those decisions, I will try and make my thought process, and everything that went into that thought process, very clear and very visible to the entire hockey world."

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Mavs laugh off Dirk's finger injury

Brian Cardinal took one look at Dirk Nowitzki's injured finger, turned to the Dallas Mavericks' trainer and recommended his treatment plan.

"Cut it at the knuckle," the Mavericks backup joked, making a scissors motion with his right hand. "Like Ronnie Lott."

Nowitzki's injury was more source of fun than concern yesterday, starting from the moment he woke up. He expected the torn tendon at the tip of his left middle finger to be sore and throbbing and it wasn't.

Nowitzki figures it will be mostly a nuisance for the next month or two. He and his shooting coach worked to see how he can compensate, starting with Game 2 of the NBA final against the Miami Heat tonight.

Nowitzki was hurt trying to strip the ball from Chris Bosh in the fourth quarter of Tuesday's 92-84 Game 1 loss. The injury generally takes six to eight weeks to heal. Because the problem is on Nowitzki's non-shooting hand, most of what he does offensively will not be affected.

"I think once the game starts, the adrenalin starts flowing, I don't think it will really slow me down much," Nowitzki said. "I'm not really worried about it."

Maybe he should be.

Because Miami knows where he's hurting, and everyone knows how much Nowitzki means to Dallas, it only makes sense that guys are going to swipe at his hands more than ever.

"Somebody's going to swat down on it, whether they want to or not," Bosh said. "It's painful. As ballplayers, we all go through it."

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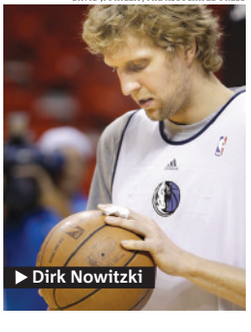

▶ Dirk Nowitzki

Blatter vows transparency for FIFA

Sepp Blatter was re-elected FIFA president yesterday after a major bribery scandal left him as the only candidate to deal with a sport reeling from a wave of corruption allegations.

Blatter, a 75-year-old Swiss executive who has been in office since 1998, was handed a final four-year term as head of football's governing body in a vote at FIFA's congress.

He won 186 votes out of 203 ballots.

After a week of controversy surrounding his unchallenged candidacy, Blatter was beaming as he came into the congress hall in Zurich, Switzerland, to a standing ovation after the result was announced.

He immediately took steps toward major reform by winning the assembly's backing for his proposal to have future World Cup hosts selected in a vote of all 208 federations instead of the 24-man executive committee. The congress also endorsed his plans to revamp the ethics committee and bring in more transparency.

"We will put FIFA's ship back on the right course in clear transparent waters," he said in French. "We will need some time. We cannot do it from one day to the next. It's a new challenge for me and I accept it."

Blatter's challenger, Qatari executive committee member Mohamed bin Hammam, withdrew from the race and was suspended pending a probe into allegations of bribing Caribbean voters during the campaign. FIFA vice-president Jack Warner was also suspended for involvement in the alleged payoffs.

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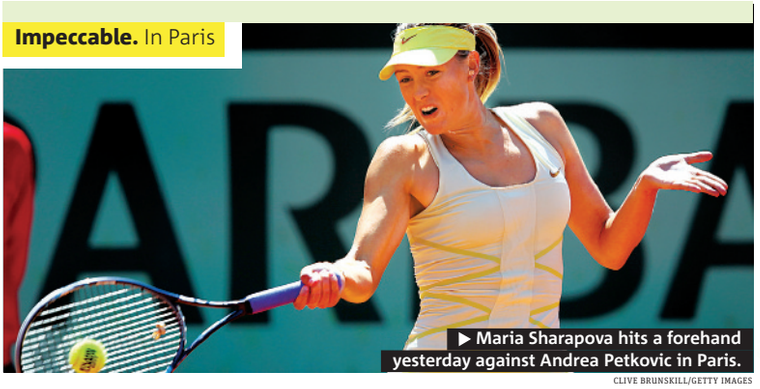
Kissinger joins

Sepp Blatter is turning to former U.S. secretary of state Henry Kissinger.

- Blatter says the 88-year-old Kissinger will be on a "committee of wise persons" to advise FIFA's new corporate governance and compliance body.
- Kissinger was secretary of state under U.S. presidents Richard M. Nixon and Gerald Ford

Impeccable. In Paris



▶ Maria Sharapova hits a forehand yesterday against Andrea Petkovic in Paris.

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Sharapova rounding into form

Maria Sharapova returned to the semifinals of a Grand Slam tournament for the first time in more than three years, beating Andrea Petkovic 6-0, 6-3 yesterday at the French Open. On the men's side, Rafael Nadal defeated Robin Soderling 6-4, 6-1, 7-6 to also advance to the semifinals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rush on for Winnipeg NHL tickets

Season tickets range from $1,755 to $5,805 At $82 a game, average price is higher than most Canadian teams except for Montreal and Toronto

David Kehler remembers the day 15 years ago when the Winnipeg Jets played their last game.

"I can't tell you how much that team meant to me," said Kehler, 42.

"It was like a close family member had died when they left. I was absolutely devastated."

But now Kehler is focused on the future and the new NHL team that will begin playing in the Manitoba capital this fall. Winnipeg's True North Sports and Entertainment announced Tuesday that it had purchased the Atlanta Thrashers and was moving the team in time for the 2011-12 season.

"Summer is so short here but we can hardly wait for winter," Kehler said yesterday as he outlined how he and a friend plan on splitting season tickets in the upper bowl of the MTS Centre, where the team will play. With a little more than 15,000 seats, the MTS Centre is the smallest arena in the league.

Kehler, who had season tickets with his grandfather for the Jets, is one of the 13,000 people True North wants to sign on to watch the new team. It's a guaranteed fan base NHL commissioner Gary Bettman has said would be good to throw on the table when the league's board of governors meets to approve the move June 21.

Since Kehler wasn't a season ticket holder for the Manitoba Moose, the American Hockey League team that has called the MTS Centre home, he will have to wait until Saturday. People with Moose season tickets got a jump on the rush with a pre-sale that started yesterday.

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NHL

PLAYOFFS

All times Eastern

STANLEY CUP FINAL

(Best-of-7 series)
VANCOUVER (W1) VS. BOSTON (E3)
Last night's result
Boston at Vancouver
Saturday's game
Boston at Vancouver, 8 p.m.
Monday, June 6
Vancouver at Boston, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, June 8
Vancouver at Boston, 8 p.m.
Friday, June 10
x-Boston at Vancouver, 8 p.m.
Monday, June 13
x-Vancouver at Boston, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, June 15
x-Boston at Vancouver, 8 p.m.
x — if necessary.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
H.Sedin, Vcr	2	19	21
St. Louis, TB	10	10	20
Lecavalier, TB	6	13	19
Kesler, Vcr	7	11	18
Krejci, Bos	10	7	17
Horton, Bos	8	9	17
Purcell, TB	6	11	17
J.Thornton, SJ	3	14	17
D.Sedin, Vcr	8	8	16
Boyle, SJ	3	13	16
Clowe, SJ	6	9	15
P.Bergeron, Bos	4	11	15
Datsyuk, Det	4	11	15
Burrows, Vcr	7	7	14
Couture, SJ	7	7	14
Downie, TB	2	12	14
Marleau, SJ	8	5	13
Ward, Nash	7	6	13
Stamkos, TB	6	7	13
Marchand, Bos	6	6	12
Gagne, TB	5	7	12
Giroux, Pha	1	11	12
Bergenheim, TB	9	2	11
Ryder, Bos	5	6	11
Kelly, Bos	4	7	11
Moore, TB	3	8	11
Ehrhoff, Vcr	2	9	11
Setoguchi, SJ	7	3	10
Ovechkin, Wash	5	5	10
Pavelski, SJ	5	5	10
Cammalleri, Mtl	3	7	10
Briere, Pha	7	2	9
Legwand, Nash	6	3	9
Bieksa, Vcr	5	4	9
Heatley, SJ	3	6	9
Lucic, Bos	3	6	9
Edler, Vcr	2	7	9
I.White, SJ	1	8	9
Lidstrom, Det	4	4	8
Zetterberg, Det	3	5	8
Filpula, Det	2	6	8
Perry, Ana	2	6	8
Peverley, Bos	2	6	8
Raymond, Vcr	2	6	8
Seidenberg, Bos	1	7	8
Kaberle, Bos	0	8	8
van Riemsdyk, Pha	7	0	7
Selanne, Ana	6	1	7
Higgins, Vcr	4	3	7
Fisher, Nash	3	4	7
Holmstrom, Det	3	4	7
Ference, Bos	2	5	7
Recchi, Bos	2	5	7
Brewer, TB	1	6	7
Gragnani, Buf	1	6	7
S.Koivu, Ana	1	6	7
Laich, Wash	1	6	7

Not including last night's game

HOCKEY

AHL PLAYOFFS

All times Eastern

CALDER CUP FINAL

(Best-of-7 series)
HOUSTON VS. BINGHAMTON
(Houston leads series 2-1)
Last night's result
Houston 2 Binghamton 1
Tomorow's game
Houston at Binghamton, 7:05 p.m.
Saturday, June 4
Houston at Binghamton, 7:05 p.m.
Tuesday, June 7
x-Binghamton at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
Thursday, June 9
x-Binghamton at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
x — if necessary.

NBA

FINALS

All times Eastern
(Best-of-7 series)
MIAMI VS. DALLAS
Tuesday's result
Miami 92 Dallas 84
Tonight's game
Dallas at Miami, 9 p.m.
Sunday's game
Miami at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, June 7
Miami at Dallas, 9 p.m.
Thursday, June 9
x-Miami at Dallas, 9 p.m.
Sunday, June 12
x-Dallas at Miami, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, June 14
x-Dallas at Miami, 9 p.m.
x - played only if necessary.

LATE TUESDAY

HEAT 92, MAVS 84

DALLAS (84)
Marion 6-12 4-5 16, Nowitzki 7-18 12-12 27, Chandler 3-4 3-5 9, Kidd 3-8 0-0 9, Stevenson 2-3 0-0 6, Terry 3-10 3-4 12, Stojakovic 0-3 0-0 0, Barea 1-8 0-0 2, Haywood 0-1 3-6 3. Totals 25-67 25-32 84.
MIAMI (92)
James 9-16 2-2 24, Bosh 5-18 9-12 19, Anthony 0-1 0-0 0, Bibby 0-4 0-0 0, Wade 9-19 2-5 22, Chalmers 3-8 3-4 12, Haslem 3-8 1-1 7, Howard 0-1 2-2 2, Miller 2-5 0-0 6. Totals 31-80 19-26 92.

Dallas	17	27	17	23	84
Miami	16	27	22	27	92

3-Point Goals—Dallas 9-22 (Kidd 3-7, Terry 3-7, Stevenson 2-3, Nowitzki 1-2, Stojakovic 0-3), Miami 11-24 (James 4-5, Chalmers 3-7, Miller 2-4, Wade 2-4, Bibby 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Dallas 46 (Marion 10), Miami 59 (Wade 10). Assists—Dallas 18 (Kidd 6), Miami 20 (Wade 6). Total Fouls—Dallas 22, Miami 21. A—20,003 (19,600) at Miami.

SCORING AVERAGE

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	17	155	140	487	28.6
Nowitzki, DAL	16	147	142	453	28.3
Rose, CHI	16	149	111	434	27.1
Howard, ORL	6	51	60	162	27.0
Anthony, NYK	4	33	29	104	26.0
James, MIA	16	140	109	414	25.9
Westbrook, OKC	17	135	121	405	23.8

ACTIVITY

BASEBALL

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Activated LHP Brian Matusz from the 15-day DL. Designated UT Jake Fox for assignment.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Placed RHP Kyle McClellan on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Lance Lynn from Memphis (PCL).
Midwest League
QUAD CITIES RIVER BANDITS — Promoted LHP Kevin Siegrist to Palm Beach (FSL).

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

EL PASO DIABLOS — Released RHP Cardoza Tucker, RHP Amad Stephens and RHP Jorge Crespo. Signed RHP Reymond Cruz.
GRAND PRAIRIE AIRHOGS — Released RHP Marcus Salmon and INF Chad Bisnette.
SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CAPTAINS — Released RHP Danial McHenry. Signed RHP TJ Forrest.
WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Signed LHP Luis Villarreal.

BASKETBALL

NBA

HOUSTON ROCKETS — Named Kevin McHale coach.
TORONTO RAPTORS — Announced the contract option on coach Jay Triano will not be exercised and he will be retained as a special assistant to the president and general manager.

FOOTBALL

NFL

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Named Michael Bracken video operations manager.

CFL

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Agreed to terms with WR Jade Etienne. Signed DB C.J. James and DB Leslie Majors.

HOCKEY

NHL

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Added the title of chief executive officer to team president John McDonough. Re-signed general manager of minor league affiliations Mark Bernard, Rockford (AHL) coach Bill Peters and Rockford assistant coaches Ted Dent and Steve Poapst.
MONTREAL CANADIENS — Signed D Hal Gill to a one-year contract.
NEW YORK RANGERS — Traded F Roman Horak and two 2011 second-round draft picks to Calgary for D Tim Erixon and a 2011 fifth-round draft pick. Signed Erixon to a three-year contract.
PHOENIX COYOTES — Signed RW Jordan Szwarz and G Louis Domingue.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Signed C Mattias Sjogren to a two-year contract.

AHL

GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS — Promoted Chad Erwin to director of ticket operations. Named Jamie Law corporate sales account manager.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	31	23	.574	—
Boston	30	26	.536	2
Tampa Bay	29	26	.527	2½
Toronto	28	28	.500	4
Baltimore	25	29	.463	6

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	33	20	.623	—
Detroit	29	26	.527	5
Chicago	27	31	.466	8½
Kansas City	25	30	.455	9
Minnesota	17	37	.315	16½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	30	26	.536	—
Seattle	28	27	.509	1½
Los Angeles	29	29	.500	2
Oakland	27	30	.474	3½

Yesterday's results
Texas 3 Tampa Bay 0
Chicago White Sox 7 Boston 4
N.Y. Yankees 4 Oakland 2
Baltimore 2 Seattle 1
Kansas City 2 L.A. Angels 0
Detroit 4 Minnesota 2
Cleveland 13 Toronto 9
Tuesday's results
Tampa Bay 5 Texas 4
Detroit 8 Minnesota 7
Cleveland 6 Toronto 3
Chicago White Sox 10 Boston 7
Kansas City 7 L.A. Angels 3
N.Y. Yankees 10 Oakland 3
Seattle 3 Baltimore 2
Today's games
Texas (Bush 0-1) at Cleveland (C.Carrasco 4-2), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Swarzak 0-2) at Kansas City (O'-Sullivan 2-4), 8:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Shields 5-3) at Seattle (F.Hernandez 5-4), 10:10 p.m.

INDIANS 13, BLUE JAYS 9

Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Brantly cf	6	2	2	1	YEscor ss	3	0	0	0
ACarer ss	6	2	4	3	McCoy ss	1	2	1	0
Choo rf	6	1	1	0	CPttrsn lf	5	1	1	1
T.Buck lf	5	2	3	0	Bautist rf	4	0	1	2
CSantn c	3	2	0	0	JRiver 1b	5	0	0	0
GSizmr dh	5	0	2	3	Arencii c	5	1	1	0
Marson ph-dh	1	0	0	0	A.Hill 2b	2	0	0	0
LaPort 1b	5	2	3	3	Encrnc 3b	1	1	1	0
Hannhn 3b	4	1	1	0	EThms dh	5	1	3	0
Everett 2b	5	1	2	1	RDavis cf	4	2	2	4
J.Nix 3b-2b	4	1	1	1					
Totals	**46**	**13**	**18**	**11**	**Totals**	**39**	**9**	**11**	**8**

Cleveland	408	001	000	13
Toronto	000	033	102	9

E—Everett (4), R.Perez (1), R.Davis (2), Y.Escobar (5). DP—Cleveland 1, Toronto 1. LOB—Cleveland 11, Toronto 7. 2B—Brantley (10), A.Cabrera 3 (14), G.Sizemore (13), Hannahan (8). 3B—E.Thames (1), R.Davis (4), J.Nix (1). HR—LaPorta (7), R.Davis (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cleveland						
Tomlin W,7-2	6	8	6	6	1	7
Durbin	1	1	1	0	0	0
Herrmann	1	1	0	0	1	1
R.Perez	0	1	2	1	1	0
Pestano	1	0	0	0	1	2
Toronto						
Drabek L,3-4	2-3	3	4	4	3	1
Camp	1 2-3	6	7	6	1	1
Frasor	2-3	1	1	0	0	1
Rzepczynski	2	1	0	0	1	2
Janssen	1	3	1	1	0	1
Rauch	2	2	0	0	0	1
F.Francisco	1	2	0	0	0	0

T—3:12. A—15,397 (49,260) at Toronto.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	34	22	.607	—
Florida	31	22	.585	1½
Atlanta	31	26	.544	3½
New York	25	30	.455	8½
Washington	24	31	.436	9½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	33	23	.589	—
Milwaukee	30	26	.536	3
Cincinnati	29	28	.509	4½
Pittsburgh	26	28	.481	6
Chicago	23	31	.426	9
Houston	22	34	.393	11

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	30	25	.545	—
San Francisco	29	25	.537	½
Los Angeles	26	30	.464	4½
Colorado	25	29	.463	4½
San Diego	24	32	.429	6½

Yesterday's results
Washington 2 Philadelphia 1
Houston 3 Chicago Cubs 1
Cincinnati 4 Milwaukee 3
Pittsburgh 9 N.Y. Mets 3
Atlanta 4 San Diego 3
Florida at Arizona
San Francisco at St. Louis
Colorado at L.A. Dodgers
Tuesday's results
Washington 10 Philadelphia 2
St. Louis 4 San Francisco 3
Milwaukee 7 Cincinnati 2
Pittsburgh 5 N.Y. Mets 1
San Diego 5 Atlanta 4
Houston 7 Chicago Cubs 3
Florida 5 Arizona 2
L.A. Dodgers 8 Colorado 2
Today's games
Pittsburgh (Maholm 2-7) at N.Y. Mets (Pelfrey 3-4), 1:10 p.m.
San Francisco (J.Sanchez 3-3) at St. Louis (Lynn 0-0), 8:15 p.m.
Washington (Zimmermann 2-6) at Arizona (Duke 1-0), 9:40 p.m.
Houston (Norris 2-4) at San Diego (Stauffer 1-3), 10:05 p.m.

CALENDAR

July 12 — All-Star game, Phoenix.
July 24 — Hall of Fame induction, Cooperstown, N.Y.
July 31 — Last day to trade a player without securing waivers.
Aug. 15 — Last day to sign selections from 2011 amateur draft who have not exhausted college eligibility.
Sept. 1 — Active rosters expand to 40 players.
Sept. 30 or Oct. 1 — Playoffs begin.

LACROSSE

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All Times Eastern

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Denver	2	2	0	1.000	31	22	-
Chesapeake	2	2	0	1.000	28	20	-
Boston	2	1	1	.500	27	25	1
Long Island	2	1	1	.500	25	24	1
Rochester	2	0	2	.000	19	27	2
Hamilton	2	0	2	.000	20	32	2

Tomorrow's game
Denver at Long Island, 7 p.m.
Saturday's game
Chesapeake at Boston, 7 p.m.

TENNIS

FRENCH OPEN

At Paris
MEN
Singles
Quarter-finals
Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. Robin Soderling (5), Sweden, 6-4, 6-1, 7-6 (3).
Andy Murray (4), Britain, def. Juan Ignacio Chela, Argentina, 7-6 (2), 7-5, 6-2.
Doubles
Quarter-finals
Bob and Mike Bryan (1), U.S., def. Rohan Bopanna, India, and Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi (5), Pakistan, 6-7 (2), 6-3, 7-6 (3).
WOMEN
Singles
Quarter-finals
Maria Sharapova (7), Russia, def. Andrea Petkovic (15), Germany, 6-0, 6-3.
Li Na (6), China, def. Victoria Azarenka (4), Belarus, 7-5, 6-2.
Doubles
Semifinals
Andrea Hlavackova and Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic, def. Vania King, United States, and Yaroslava Shvedova (3), Kazakhstan, 6-3, 6-3.
Sania Mirza, India, and Elena Vesnina (7), Russia, def. Liezel Huber and Lisa Raymond (4), U.S., 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.
MIXED DOUBLES
Semifinals
Katarina Srebotnik, Slovenia, and Nenad Zimonjic (1), Serbia, def. Nadia Petrova, Russia, and Jamie Murray, Britain, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (5).
Casey Dellacqua, Australia, and Scott Lipsky, U.S., def. Jarmila Gajdosova, Australia, and Thomaz Bellucci, Brazil, 7-6 (5), 2-6, 14-12 tiebreak.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pt	GF	GA
Philadelphia	6	3	2	20	14	9
New York	4	2	6	18	18	11
D.C.	4	4	3	15	16	20
Houston	3	4	6	15	17	15
Columbus	3	3	5	14	11	13
New England	3	5	4	13	10	15
Toronto FC	2	5	6	12	13	23
Chicago	1	4	6	9	15	19
Sporting Kansas City	1	6	2	5	12	19

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Los Angeles	8	2	5	29	20	12
FC Dallas	6	3	4	22	16	12
Seattle	5	4	5	20	16	13
Colorado	4	3	6	18	15	13
Real Salt Lake	5	2	2	17	10	4
Portland	5	4	2	17	15	17
Chivas USA	3	4	4	13	14	13
San Jose	3	4	4	13	14	14
Vancouver	1	5	6	9	13	17

Note: 3 points for victory, 1 point for tie.
Last night's result
Vancouver at Chivas USA
Saturday's games
Kansas City at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Columbus at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
New England at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at Real Salt Lake, 9 p.m.
D.C. United at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Houston at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

5 WAYS SHAQ MADE AN IMPACT

Shaquille O'Neal tweeted yesterday that he is going to retire after a 19-year NBA career. Here's a look a some of the ways he made his mark, on and off the court.

FRANCHISE SAVIOUR

- After being picked No. 1 overall by the Orlando Magic in 1992, he took them from the lottery to the playoffs in two years, and then led them to the NBA finals in his third year before they were swept by the Houston Rockets.

MVP AND CHAMPION

- O'Neal signed with the Los Angeles Lakers in 1996 and had his greatest success there, winning three titles alongside Kobe Bryant and coach Phil Jackson, and the league MVP award in 2000. He was traded to Miami in 2004 and won another title.

SOCIAL MEDIA TRAILBLAZER

- He amassed almost four million followers on his Twitter account, where fans can find out his next move or even the "random acts of Shaqness" — like sitting in Harvard Square, pretending to be a statue, or going out in drag on Halloween.

VIDEO GAME HERO

- Shaq appeared in scores of video games, including the infamous 1994 fighting game Shaq Fu. He is the last current NBA player to have appeared in the original arcade version of NBA Jam, which was released in 1993.

ACTOR AND RAPPER

- Shaq did not limit himself to portraying athletes on screen, taking on such roles as a genie who lives in a boombox in 1996's Kazaam, and a superhero in 1997's Steel. As a rapper, he has released five studio albums so far.

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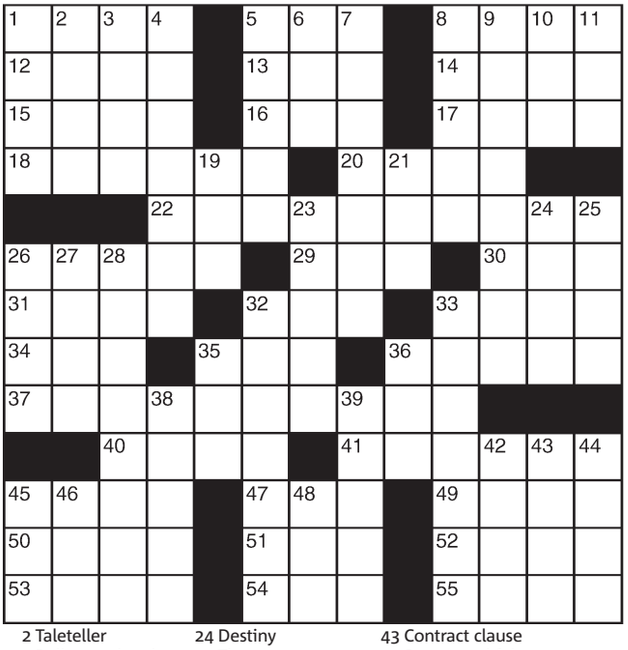

Across

1 Winged
5 Turn blue?
8 Frog's cousin
12 Rickey flavor
13 Mardi Gras VIP
14 Shake in grass?
15 Poetic foot
16 Shrill bark
17 Detail
18 Company of actors
20 Parliamentarian
22 From stem to stern
26 Elevator passage
29 Golf position
30 Confucians' "way"
31 Swine
32 Artist Vermeer
33 "West Side Story" gang
34 Mimic
35 Play on words
36 Makes weary
37 Everywhere
40 Pealed
41 Costello's partner
45 Bloodhound's clue
47 Back talk
49 Sandwich cookie
50 Gloomy
51 Actress Mendes
52 — a soul (nobody)
53 Catch sight of
54 "Oh, yeah? — who?"
55 Shade providers

Down

1 Came to earth
2 Taleteller
3 Bullets and such
4 Snubs
5 Laundromat machine
6 Verily
7 Tell how
8 Bronze winner's placek
9 Passe
10 Hearty brew
11 Beavers' construction
19 Cauldron
21 Inseparable
23 African antelope
24 Destiny
25 Throw
26 Persian bigwig
27 Kachina worshipper
28 Demographic division
32 Impenetrable thickets
33 Samson's weapon, courtesy of an ass
35 Skillet
36 Occupation
38 Wizard Potter
39 Bolivian capital
42 Verbal
43 Contract clause
44 Santa's sackful
45 Rhyming tribute
46 Two, in Tijuana
48 "— been had!"

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

	1				2		4	
5		6	1		3			7
2		4			7	5		6
4				1	6			
	6	5				9	3	
			3	5				1
8		1	7			6		2
3			6		1	8		4
	7		4				5	

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

3	2	8	1	9	6	5	7	4
4	9	6	7	5	8	1	2	3
1	7	5	3	4	2	9	8	6
9	3	7	2	6	1	8	4	5
6	5	4	8	7	9	3	1	2
2	8	1	5	3	4	6	9	7
5	1	2	6	8	7	4	3	9
8	4	3	9	2	5	7	6	1
7	6	9	4	1	3	2	5	8

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Trish
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♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You will soon see how much energy you've wasted on things that don't take you closer to your goals.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You may be a bit subdued today, but there is no cause for alarm.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You may have to listen to the opinions of someone you detest today.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 If you think your talents are being overlooked, it's time to speak up. You can make a big impression.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Look at the big picture and details of what happened over the past two or three days. You'll like what you see.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Do you tell others what they want to hear? Speak the truth and don't worry that your words might hurt.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 If you've fallen out with a loved one, you will get the chance make up today. Show how you'll change.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You will find it easy enough to persuade others to lighten your load today, so why do it all by yourself?

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Your time is precious and you must not let other people waste it.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Don't just accept what someone says because of his or her superior status. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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